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America raps U.N. for PLO backing

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 4 (AP) — The United States, attacked in the U.N. General Assembly for backing Israel, attacked the United Nations Thursday night for backing the Palestine Liberation Organization.

U.S. delegate William C. Sherman told the 157-nation assembly in a debate on Palestine that his government deplored the activities of both the U.N. Palestine Rights Committee and the U.N. secretariat special unit on Palestinian rights, which serves the committee.

"In allowing themselves to become instruments in the hands of the PLO," he said, both bodies "are doing the Palestinian people a disservice, and are working to undercut the progress that has been made toward the achievement of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East."

Sherman claimed that such progress had come from the 1978 Camp David accords and the resultant 1979 Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty — "the only successful peace negotiations in the entire history of the Arab-Israeli dispute." He said they deserved the assembly's "wholehearted support and endorsement."

"As long as the PLO endorses the destruction of a member state of this body, my government does not believe it has any role to play in deliberations designed to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict," he went on.

"We do not believe that enhancing the international status of the PLO serves the cause of Arab-Israeli reconciliation."

The committee's recommendations, issued in 1976 and already repeatedly endorsed by the assembly call for Israel to give up the occupied Arab West Bank and Gaza Strip and for the United Nations to hand them to the PLO as territory for a Palestinian state. The United States has vetoed the recommendations in the Security Council.

Hasan A. Abdul Rahman, the PLO's deputy permanent UN observer, replied to Sherman. "We in the Arab world will decide the future of our region, and not the United States. We do not accept to become bases for the United States in the Arab world, and it is not for sale or for mortgage," he said.

Rahman alluded to widely recognized U.S. military and foreign-policy defeats of recent decades, saying: "I would advise the U.S. representative that in the final analysis he should learn through the lessons of Iran, Nicaragua and Vietnam and advise his government to work together with history in the Middle East."

Abdul Sattar coming Jan. 2

DACCA, Dec. 4 (AFP) — Bangladesh President Justice Abdul Sattar will begin a four-day state visit to Saudi Arabia Jan. 2 at the invitation of King Khaled, it was announced here Friday.

The official agency BSS, quoting a foreign office spokesman, said Justice Sattar, 76, elected president last month, would discuss bilateral as well as international questions.

45 killed in Qutab Minar stampede

NEW DELHI, Dec. 4 (R) — At least 45 persons, many of them schoolchildren, were crushed to death Friday on the spiral staircase of a 700-year-old tower on the southern outskirts of Delhi.

Some 25 persons were injured in the tragedy inside the 234-foot high Qutab Minar tower, a distinctive landmark and major tourist attraction. Indian Home Minister Zail Singh ordered a judicial inquiry into the disaster and parliament adjourned.

Survivors said that at about noon, there were shrieks and shouts as the lights in the tower went off. People packing the staircase fell over each other, crushing those below, they added. Hundreds of schoolchildren, from neighboring states and other sightseers were lined up outside the tower at the time, they said.

Urwashi Sharma, a 16-year-old girl from Pune, said she had heard people shouting that hooligans below were teasing girls. She said she had fallen unconscious in the panic after the lights went out and had woken up in hospital. Rattan Chand, a teacher from a nearby town, said "people were pushing, jostling and shouting as the lights went out. Then they piled over each other." Chand had taken 130 schoolchildren to the tower. He said he and five of his students had come out but he did not know how many of his group had died.

"The lights suddenly went out," said J.P. Gbulati, 25, of nearby Faridabad, who was climbing the tower with his wife and nine-year-old daughter. "There was a big crowd ahead of us and we heard shouting and saw people coming down," he said. "We moved to one side to let them pass but there was a sudden rush and we also turned around. There were some schoolchildren behind us and they also ran down the stairs," he continued. "Some fell while others got away. The pushing suddenly increased and I felt myself falling. I stumbled but managed to pick myself up and ran down." He escaped with sprained back, the agency reported.

No entrance fee is charged on Fridays, and a larger than usual crowd was present. Tour operator R.P. Jain said he counted at least 2,000 persons lining up to enter the monument. "I suddenly heard shouts of Bachao, Bachan, (save me, save me) coming from the darkened interior," Jain said. "I ran in and found a pile of bodies. I and some others started pulling them out but our task was hampered by the darkness and general confusion. We would pull one body out and three or four others would come tumbling after it."

Jain said he ran to the back of the monument, climbed up a 10-foot iron scaffolding and squeezed into the tower through an air vent. He said he shouted to people to back

up the stairs and that some did, easing the crush.

The victims initially were laid out on the lawn around the monument until ambulances and buses arrived. Some persons complained that police and fire units had taken more than an hour to reach the scene but United News of India (UNI) noted that the nearest fire station was 10 kms away in New Delhi.

Reporters at the scene said there was broken jewelry, blood, a shoe heel, handkerchiefs, combs, broken eyeglass lenses and schoolbooks scattered between the 35th and 40th steps from the bottom of the staircase, indicating this was where the main crush had occurred.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi visited the accident site and two Delhi hospitals, where grim-faced parents and relatives were queuing outside the morgues. The home minister later announced that families of the dead would be given \$555 and injured survivors \$222.

The first Muslim ruler of Delhi, Qutab-ud-Din, began work on the tower in 1199. It was completed in the 14th century. Its walls are decorated with intricately-carved Arabic quotations from the Qur'an. In the past, many persons have jumped to their death from the tower's balconies. As a result, no one is allowed to go up alone.

Fed move triggers global interest cuts

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (R) — The U.S. Federal Reserve Board reduced its principal lending rate to 12 percent from 13 percent Thursday a move that should contribute to further declines in other interest rates.

The central bank said it reduced its so-called discount rate — the rate it charges on direct loans to member banks — to reflect the rapid downward movement in market rates, which have fallen because of the current recession.

While the central bank said it was following the market, cuts in the discount rate usually encourage declines in market interest rates because they reduce the cost of borrowing for commercial banks.

The prime interest rate — the rate charged by commercial banks to their most creditworthy corporate borrowers — currently ranges from 15.5 percent to 16 percent. It has been falling steadily since September when it stood at a near record 20 percent.

The U.S. Federal Reserve Board last cut the basic discount rate on Nov. 2 when it was reduced from 14 to 13 percent. Earlier Thursday the Commerce Department provided further evidence that the U.S. economy is still sliding downhill.

It reported orders for U.S. manufactured goods fell 5.2 percent in October, the highest one-month decline since April 1980. There was a 9.1 percent drop in orders for durable goods such as home appliances, cars, and farm equipment, and industrial machinery.

The Fed's move in cutting its discount rate touched off a new round of international reductions in cost of credit. West Germany's central bank, the Bundesbank, cut one of its key interest rates.

Bank lending rates also came down in Britain. The Swiss lowered one of its main rates, the Dutch Central Bank reduced its surcharge to large borrowers and in Tokyo an early cut in Japan's official discount rate was anticipated.

The moves toward lower interest rates followed a steady reductions in prime rates by American banks as recession has reduced demands for credit and led to an easing of U.S. monetary policy.

Karl Otto Poell, the Bundesbank president, said he presumed other central banks would follow his lead. "The central banks of the major industrialized countries are in very close contact," he told a press conference. "You can be sure this leads to a degree of concerted action."

The Bundesbank lowered its special Lombard rate to 10.5 percent from 11 percent. This facility, under which the central bank lends to commercial banks with bonds as collateral, was introduced in February at 12 percent to tighten money control.

It was first cut in October to 11 percent, after the West German mark had begun to recover against the dollar from its bout of summer weakness. This prompted an immediate decline in other West German interest rates.

Thursday's move received the quick approval of Economics Minister Otto Lambdarrf, who attended the Bundesbank council meeting at which the measure was decided. He told the press conference that the government fully supported the cut.

In the wake of the Bundesbank move, the Swiss National Bank reduced its Lombard lending rate to banks to seven percent from 7.5 percent, and the Dutch Central Bank lowered its surcharge on advances to banks exceeding normal credit quotas to 0.5 percent from one percent.

In London British banks reduced their base lending rates to 14.5 from 15 percent, the third decline in six weeks from the 16 percent level of early October.

Foreign exchange dealers here expect the U.S. Federal Reserve Board (central bank) to cut its discount rate to banks from the 13 percent set early last month. But in New York some dealers feared the central bank would not let U.S. interest rates fall much further.

Reagan's \$2,085m plan likely to be voted

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (AFP) — President Ronald Reagan Friday seemed well on the way to obtaining Senate approval for his colossal \$2,085 million program to modernize the United States military, observers here agreed.

Heeding his warning that rejection of any important element of the strategic arms program "would undermine the U.S. negotiating position at the very outset of the intermediate-range weapons negotiations in Geneva," the Senate Thursday discarded two amendments that went counter to deployment plans for the MX missile and the B-1 bomber.

As the upper house debated the huge appropriation for the 1982 fiscal year — the largest expenditure for any federal department in U.S. history — Reagan sent a strict message to senators. To undermine the program, he said would constitute "a dangerous and misleading signal of weakening American resolve in the face of an ever-growing Soviet challenge."

The two key elements in the modernization program are:

- A new fleet of 100 B-1 strategic bombers to replace the obsolescent B-52s.
- A force of 100 MX strategic missiles equipped with 10 independently-targeted nuclear warheads, 40 of which would be temporarily sited in silos pending permanent deployment aboard submarines and aircraft or in underground shelters.

Of the two projects, the solution for deployment of the MX missiles met with the stiffer resistance in Congress. Since the previous Carter administration had to abandon the costly idea of permanently mobile deployment, the present project to house the missiles in reinforced silos originally built for the Titan-2 and Minuteman-3 missile was seen by many senators as an inept compromise which left the MX an easy target.

Though Wednesday the Senate initially refused the \$334 million, the government rejected to reinforce the silos, it Thursday rejected an amendment from the Democrats, and by a 60-35 vote accepted the proposal that the missiles be temporarily placed in the silos. But the senators still withheld the funds needed to reinforce the silos — a clear intimation that static deployment was too vulnerable.

The president has until July 1983 — six months before the date he has fixed for the deployment of the MX — to reach a final decision. The hostile reception to the deployment project by the Republican-controlled Senate was the first time the administration has run into obstruction there on a major defense issue.

In a further vote Thursday, the Senate approved the \$24,000 million needed to fund B-1 bomber program.

Press Association said Mrs. Brown entered the Bourne Hall Clinic last October. It said that during her 11-day stay, she had two of her eggs removed from her body, implanted in the laboratory with her husband's sperm in equipment that has been dubbed a test tube but in reality is far more sophisticated and then placed inside her womb.

The test tube baby technique, which took Steptoe and Edwards 12 years to develop, brought hope to thousands of couples around the world who want children but are unable to have them. The birth of Louise created a worldwide sensation. Mrs. Brown's fallopian tubes leading to her womb are blocked so that she cannot have babies in the normal way. The technique can also help couples in cases where the man has a low sperm count.

Press Association said Mrs. Brown and her husband were reported to have paid the full \$3,088 bill for the treatment Mrs. Brown received at Bourne Hall. They had nothing to pay in the case of Louise because Steptoe was then working for the state-funded National Health Service (NHS) at Oldham.

1st test tube mother expecting twins

LONDON, Dec. 4 (AP) — Mrs. Lesley Brown, mother of the world's first test tube baby born July 25, 1978, is expecting another test tube baby, or possibly test tube twins, Press Association reported Thursday.

The British domestic news agency said gynecologist Patrick Steptoe and physiologist Dr. Robert Edwards, joint pioneers of the test tube technique, had telephoned 34-year-old Mrs. Brown and her husband John at their home at Bristol in western England to confirm the news. The agency said the new arrival is due next July, at around the fourth birthday of Louise Brown, the world's first authenticated test tube baby who is leading the life of a perfectly healthy, normal child.

At least 18 test tube babies have been born in Britain, Australia and India since the birth of Louise at Oldham General Hospital in northern England, and the Steptoe-Edwards Test Tube Clinic at Bourne Hall, Cambridge-shire, said last October that another 60 are due to be born in Britain.

The world's first test tube twins were born at the Queen Victoria Hospital, Melbourne, Australia, last June 69 but the baby Mrs. Brown is expecting next July will make her the first woman to have two test tube children by two separate births.

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U.S. pact covers Africa, Israel says

TEL AVIV, Dec. 4 (AFP) — The strategic cooperation agreement between Israel and the United States signed Monday favors Israeli-African rapprochement, a top-level Israeli Defense Ministry official was Friday quoted as saying.

The official, who declined to be identified, also said the agreement considerably strengthens Israel's international position and opens the possibility of boosting sales of Israeli arms assembled from American parts. He expressed the belief that the strategic agreement, much criticized by the Israeli opposition and national press over the past two days, was very positive in its implications.

The source said it was not fortuitous that President of Zaire Mobutu Sese Seko had this week agreed in principle to a resumption of diplomatic relations between his country and Israel. Gen. Mobutu's statement in Washington followed immediately after Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon's visit to the United States earlier in the week.

Sources close to Sharon Thursday confirmed that the defense minister recently visited a number of African states in connection with the strategic agreement between Israel and the United States. According to Friday's reports quoting the defense ministry official, the strategic agreement includes Africa. Israel would send experts and the United States would send equipment, he was quoted as saying.

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By a Staff Writer

Officials determined to stop 'bad checks'

JEDDAH, Dec. 4 — Officials have reaffirmed that issuing checks without sufficient funds in the bank is a serious matter that will be put to an end, and that anyone abusing checking procedures will be liable to imprisonment and a heavy penalty.

Views on check-cashing problems and commercial situations in the Kingdom were among the wide-ranging issues discussed by *Al-Riyadh* newspaper recently. Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Zamil, commerce undersecretary, and Saleh Al-Toaimi, president of the Riyadh Chamber of Commerce and Industry, spoke at length to the newspaper on subjects regarding the public interest.

Government action on checking problem

Commenting on the question of overdrawn checks, Toaimi said he regretted that the Kingdom perhaps is the only country in the world where a lack of respect for check usage is noticed. He said that both Saudi Arabians and expatriates are involved in this matter, and urged them to recall and act upon the commercial proverb that says "the capital of a merchant is his signature." The ministerial decision taken in this regard aims to restore the value and respect of a check, he added.

The official said that even the state doesn't show flexibility in the matter of checks since the ministerial regulations call for the endorsement of a check. He was in favor of more flexibility so that it could be easier to do away with the phenomena in this society. He further expressed his regret that due respect is not given to all rules and regulations in the Kingdom. For instance, he said that the traffic department specifies a speed of 60 kmp, but a traffic official himself drives at 100 kmp on the same road.

Explaining further the issue of check, Zamil said that if someone takes a check to the bank and the latter asks him to contact the drawer, that means he has no balance. The person takes the check to the ministry which sends a notice to the drawer, through the drawee, asking him to settle the matter. If the drawer does not pay heed, it sends him a notice through the governorate. If he still shows disregard, the governorate sends a policeman to fetch the drawer. When he is brought before the committee, he is given two options: either he pays the sum immediately and saves himself from a penalty, or be

should face both a prison term and penalty. But 90 percent of the problems are solved through serving a notice, he said.

Zamil said there were no such cases in which a Saudi national issued any faulty check and then absconded. However, there were 156 cases of foreigners, in which checks for huge amounts were issued in the name of Saudi Arabians, and the expatriates concerned ran away from the country. He urged the nationals to be alert and to protect themselves, remembering that the law does not protect ignorance or reality.

Discussing the problem of shortage in cash flow, Zamil admitted that Saudi Arabian contractors face competition with foreign contractors in the matter of big projects. With the recent construction boom, many big contracts were won by foreign companies, with the result that when a foreign contractor receives the money, he sends it immediately outside. Zamil said this phenomenon ought to be checked by awarding most of the contracts to local contractors.

As a result, the funds will remain in the country and the local contractor can invest the money in any project within the country. Similarly, priority ought to be given to local products, he said. Official regulations make it clear that in specific fields, such as road building projects, priority should always be given to local contractors. Zamil also said that the ministry is now inclined to prohibit the foreign contractor from importing construction materials from outside. He should either make purchases locally or import the required materials through a Saudi Arabian merchant.

The phenomenon of cash flow created another problem in the form of the rate of profit. Since this rate is very high outside, people who did not care much about their country's economy, began remitting their capitals outside. Therefore, in order to check the phenomenon of cash flow shortage, it is necessary to award big projects to Saudi Arabian contractors, no matter if it were to be let in phases like the housing projects, he said.

Competition plays important role

On a question of competition, Zamil said,

Wide-ranging interview discusses issues in commerce and banking

this was a healthy phenomenon for the society, and quality control also is one of the basic roles of the Commerce Ministry in the matter of foodstuffs and other consumer goods. He asserted that various types of commodities being sold in the markets of Saudi Arabia are inexpensive when compared to other markets in the Arab world. The ministry maintains quality checking laboratories at its ports in order to avoid commercial fraud in foodstuffs and consumer goods.

As regards the prices, experience has shown that if there is any interference from the state, it creates a lot of evil effects from all aspects. However, the prices prevailing in the Kingdom are better than those in other markets. The local contractor does not find any difficulty in finding the goods of his requirements, because everything is available in plenty in the markets. As a result of competition among the importers, the goods are sometimes sold at the cost price and sometimes even at less than the cost price, as in the case of cement, Zamil added.

Toaimi said he also believed in the importance of competition. Only three years ago matters were different, he said. Then, the consumer had difficulty in finding goods. Therefore, whatever he could get he used to buy. But now, due to the availability of materials and competition, the consumer can find anything of his choice. However, he said the consumer needs to realize the importance of quality, and added that there should be some agency to educate the consumer on this matter. While Zamil agreed on this point, he thought that the development of consciousness among the consumer may still take a long time.

Regarding the role of the Saudi Arabian Standards Organization (SASO), the officials considered it to be one of the most active organizations in the country. SASO holds frequent meetings with representatives from the public and private sectors. The Kingdom's standard specifications at present are

somewhere in the vicinity of 40 to 45, with great stress on building materials, cement and milk. When Saudi Arabia imposed the condition that every foodstuff must mention contents and actual date, nearly 90 percent of the consumer's problems were removed, Zamil said.

Discussing the problem of commercial registration, he said that there is no objection to issuing commercial registers to bona fide applicants, such as transporters or goods carriers. But some people try to exploit the commercial register for recruiting alien manpower, not for themselves, but for other parties, which is illegal. On the role of the chamber of commerce, Toaimi said the chambers are supposed to serve businessmen and contractors, and not employers. Therefore, it isn't understandable why this practice continues, especially since the employers are in a position to get new registers from the municipalities or elsewhere.

Zeroing in on fraud Zamil said the regulations on commercial fraud were framed more than 20 years ago. A new statute is under consideration and it is hoped that it will be approved in the near future. Earlier, the penalty used to be SR1,000, which has now risen to SR10,000 and sometimes to SR20,000.

As a result of frequent public complaints, he said, the phenomenon of commercial fraud has been on the decline. There are lesser complaints now, maybe one or two in a week, he said, and added that the ministry now has excellent laboratories which are capable of detecting defects immediately. These measures have frightened the merchants, especially because they have seen that shipments of chicken have been returned since the commodity did not conform to Saudi Arabian specifications.

Commercial fraud gains prevalence either through imitation or a shortage in the quantity. A coil, for example, is supposed to con-

tain 100 yards of wire, but some markets wrap only 95 yards, which means the consumers suffer a loss of five yards. It also sometimes happens that the thickness of the wire is mentioned as six millimeter, but it is in fact only four. The merchant, who used to import such goods without much consideration, has now become wary as a result of competition in the market.

Commercial fraud, however, may be of two types. In the first case, the fraud is premeditated by unconscientious people, while in the second case, it occurs as a result of bad storage. It has been observed, for instance, that the new consignment of, say foodstuffs or chicken, is stacked in the front portion of the storage while the old stock is left behind. The result accruing from this practice is that the old stock becomes older and, after a certain period, become unworthy of human consumption. The seminar held the view that fraud, no matter of what type or whether from the local merchant or from the exporters, must be combated and checked.

Zamil also mentioned fraud in jewelry, which came on the scene just a couple of years ago. He claimed that jewelry-making used to be the profession of respectable families in Saudi Arabia, but regretted that lately other elements with Saudi Arabian names entered into this trade. The daily purchases, averaged between SR50 million and SR100 million. The Ministry of Commerce has issued orders on specifications and the officials of the chambers of commerce have cooperated with it. Orders have been issued to display the price and the quality of gold or diamond, so that the buyer knows what he is going to buy.

He said the ministry officials plan to start a surprise inspection. Remaining incognito, the officials will take five different types of jewelry and have them tested to ascertain the jeweler's claim. He advised women to be careful, for it is they who frequent the jewelry market. He urged them to insist while buying a piece of jewelry that they will have it tested by the chief goldsmith or by another jeweler.

A discussion arose on traders' complaint of being subjected to deceitful acts while deal-

ing with world markets, with the ministry taking no resolute steps to solve their problems. In this case, Toaimi said it was a fact that a large number of Saudi Arabian merchants suffered from this trend, but added that the merchants do not show much eagerness to contact the chamber of commerce before dealing with exporters and traders abroad.

He said the main sufferers are those who are new in the trade, since they don't have enough experience in the world markets and of those with whom they are dealing. He cited the example of a man who complained of having received forged goods worth \$3 million. The merchant didn't collect prior information about the exporter or contact the chamber of commerce or a bank. It so happened that the Minister of Commerce visited that particular country and raised the matter at the highest level. The case ended up with a report that the exporter had died!

Toaimi emphasized that the merchant should be fully conscious of his dealings, adding that his interest cannot be protected by the ministry or chamber or any powerful advocate if he himself shows lack of interest in obtaining prior information on his business dealings.

For a businessman doing trade with foreign companies, it is extremely necessary to contact the chamber of commerce or the bank in order to ascertain the bona fide of the exporter, Toaimi said. He added that once a merchant contacted him to find out the business status of a certain company in Hong Kong. The chamber sent a telex to its counterpart in Hong Kong also that the company was not sound and had no bank balance.

Removing agricultural exploitation

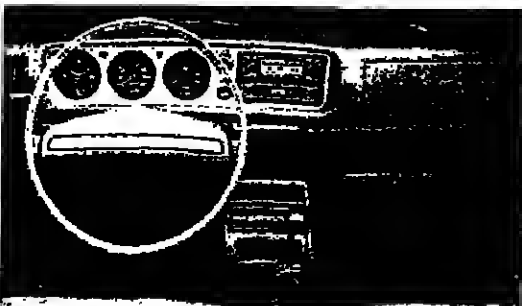
Turning to the agriculture side, the officials spoke on the phenomenon of exploitation. In view of the fact that the farmer remains at the mercy of middle men in the local market, neither he nor the consumer is the actual beneficiary. A farmer, for example, sells a box of tomatoes for SR20, but by time the box reaches the consumer, its price goes up to SR50. Therefore, a plan is being discussed to set up a company for the supply of agricultural products, Zamil said.

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As Sultan inspects refugee camps

Afghans reassured of support

PESHAWAR, Dec. 4 (SPA) — Defense Minister Prince Sultan visited the Afghan refugees in Pakistan Friday and assured them of continuous Saudi Arabian assistance, and condemned the Soviet invasion of the country.

Prince Sultan said Afghanistan has become an Islamic and international question. "This is no longer a question of refugees, but the people have become the deep concern of all their Muslim brothers," he added.

One of the refugees addressed the prince and thanked him and the Kingdom for the aid given and the interest shown by the Kingdom for them.

At the end of the visit the prince announced a donation of one million Pakistani rupees (SR300,000) and pledged to pay the cost of building a mosque, school and clinic for them. He also announced the donation of 300,000 rupees toward funding a school for the children of personnel working

in the tank factories and 400,000 to the school fund of ordnance factories.

Prince Sultan is visiting the country at the invitation of Defense Minister Moer Talpour with whom he has had talks about bilateral relations. He also had talks with President Zia ul Haq.

Prince Sultan visited several military establishments and factories, and hailed the growing cooperation between the two countries in all fields. Earlier in the week the prince reaffirmed the commitment of the Kingdom to stand by Pakistan in case of any aggression against it. He was speaking during a dinner party given by Talpour in Islamabad. The minister also hailed Pakistan's support of the Arabs.

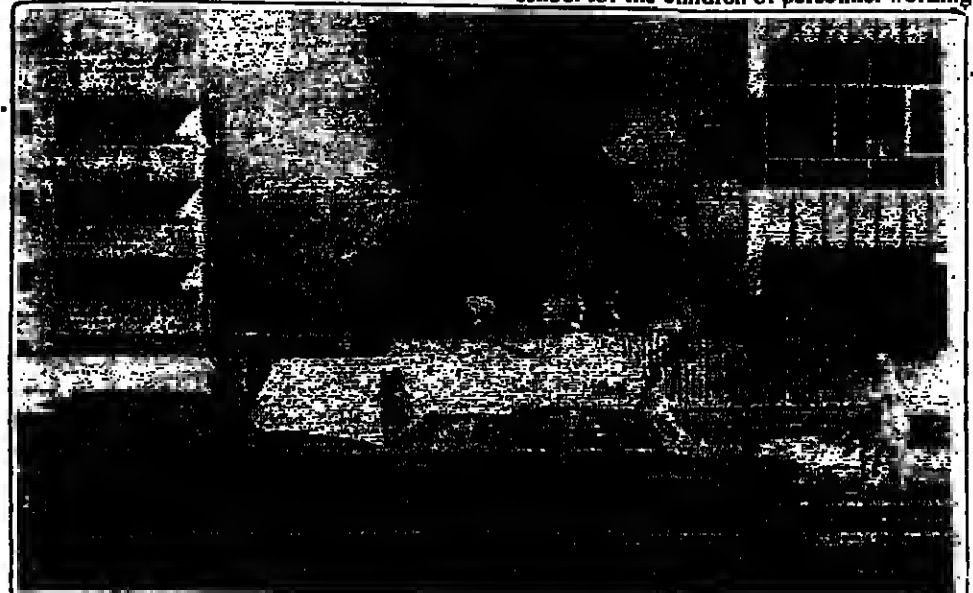
Convict stoned for murdering Riyadh youth

RIYADH, Dec. 4 (SPA) — A man was stoned to death here after Friday noon prayers as a result of a conviction of molesting and slaying a boy, the Interior Ministry reported.

According to the statement, Tuwairish ibn Basbir Al-Jiluwi stabbed Muhammad ibn Said Al Mabrouk to death with a knife after drinking alcohol and abducting the youth. Having committed his crime, the convict wrapped the victim's body in a blanket, drove his car over it several times and left it on the road to mislead security forces into mistaking the murder for a traffic accident.

But security police discovered the crime and arrested the murder. Tuwairish was tried at the Riyadh Supreme Court, which passed the sentence of death by stoning.

Meanwhile in Jeddah, another convicted murderer was beheaded after Friday noon prayers for killing a man, the Interior Ministry reported. Muhammad Moussa Hanash Al-Zahrani stabbed to death with a knife Mousa Abdullah Al-Zahrani. The convict was arrested by police and tried by Makkah Court, which passed the sentence of beheading.



SMOKED GARBAGE: Firemen put out a fire Friday morning after it broke out in a garbage dump off Macarona Road in Jeddah. No property damage was reported as a result of the incident.

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Maghrib (Sunset)	5:39	5:34	5:05	4:48	5:13	5:38
Isha (Night)	7:09	7:04	6:35	6:18	6:43	7:08

Youth organization issues annual book

RIYADH, Dec. 4 (SPA) — The Presidency of Youth Welfare has issued its fourth annual book for cultural affairs. The book reviews the presidency's achievements during the year 1979-80.

The book contains five sections: literature, theatrical arts, plastic arts, hobbies, scientific activities and follow-up reports. The preface for the book was written by Prince Faisal ibn Fahd, president of youth welfare. He commended the officials in charge of the cultural affairs department for their efforts and contributions for the welfare and progress of the country's youth in the context of the Islamic religion.

The literature section illustrates work undertaken by youths in poetry and writing in addition to regular contests among literary clubs. The theatrical arts section highlights the cultural works by members of clubs at the national level. It also explained the objectives of the theatrical arts annual festival and contests that are organized by the presidency and some of its clubs.

Plastic arts activities during the year and the significance of this particular art are covered in the book's third section. It highlights the achievements of the Saudi modern arts exhibition and the fourth annual show of plastic arts for 1980. It also covers an exhibition of leading Saudi Arabian artists — shedding light on artists who presented prominent works during the year.

Oman denounces newspaper report

MUSCAT, Dec. 4 (SPA) — Oman denounced Friday reports alleging that it has been offered money by Arab Gulf states in exchange for refusing to grant military facilities to foreign armed forces.

Omani Information and Youth Affairs Minister Abdul Aziz Al-Rawas said his country is keen to support the progress of Gulf cooperation which will be the rock that shatters all attempts of foreign interferences. Rawas welcomed Saudi Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamaof's refuta-

The fourth section contains and introduction of hobbies and some scientific activities, while the last section dealt with statistics. It includes a survey on cultural clubs that held notable cultural activities in 1979 and covers the fifth cultural affairs conference held earlier this year.

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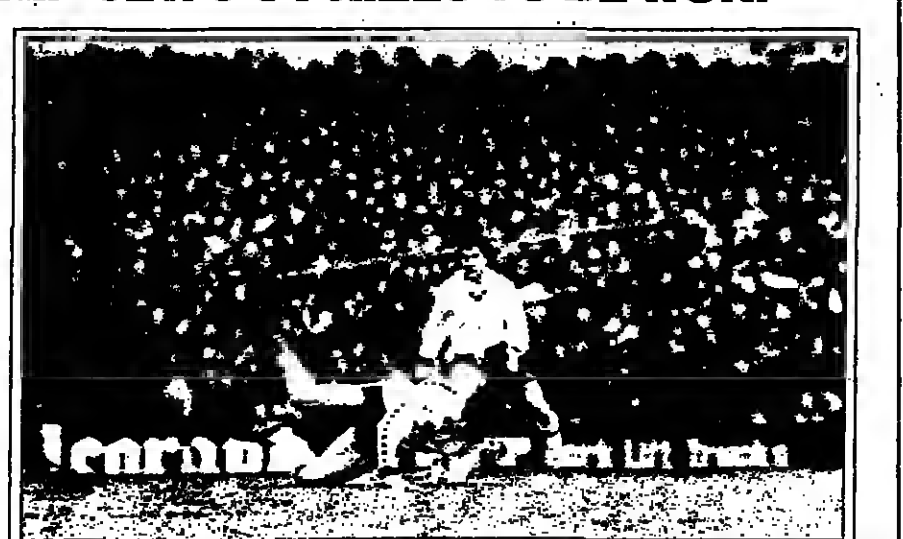
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Two Yemens to work for unity

ADEN, Dec. 4 (R) — North and South Yemen said Thursday they have agreed on wide-ranging political and economic cooperation to follow up an unfulfilled merger agreed on two years ago.

President Ali Abdullah Saleh of the North, signed the cooperation accord with President Ali Nasser Muhammad, of the south, Thursday during the first visit to Aden by a North Yemen president.

Saleh said if the agreement was fully implemented "we will have achieved the most important foundations for a unity between the two parts of Yemen." Aden radio reported. The merger, decided in 1979 after a brief border war, was not implemented because of political and ideological differences between the two south Arabian states. A joint communique Thursday said the Yemens supported a Soviet call made last year to keep the Gulf and the Indian Ocean free of foreign influence. They also called for political and economic measures against the United States and countries backing Israel.

A newly-formed council of both presidents would meet every six months, the communique said. The prime ministers, foreign, interior development and education ministers and chiefs of staff would meet jointly



President Saleh



President Nasser Muhammad

every three months. The communique said North Yemen supported a call by the South Yemeni leader in January for a summit conference of the countries in the Gulf, Arabian peninsula and Horn of Africa and other interested states to consider how to eliminate foreign military bases in the region. The agreement urged a unified position

U.S.-Israel accord paves way for European role in Sinai

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (R) — U.S. officials are optimistic that a joint U.S.-Israeli statement has cleared the way for European participation in a Sinai peacekeeping force within the framework of the Camp David accords.

Thursday's declaration set out the major condition that participation would have to be based on the U.S.-sponsored Camp David peace agreement between Egypt and Israel. Administration officials said they expected Britain, France, Italy and the Netherlands to agree to contribute to the force, which will patrol the Sinai after Israel's withdrawal next

within these guidelines. The joint statement followed weeks of intensive diplomatic efforts to forestall Israel's veto of participation by the Europeans after they linked their involvement in the force of self-determination for the Palestinians. A senior U.S. official said the European participants would not have to renounce their 1980 Venice declaration calling for a greater Palestinian role in the Middle East

Turkish officials brief Weinberger

ANKARA, Dec. 4 (AP) — Top Turkish military officers Friday briefed U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger on this nation's needs for modernization of its armed forces. Turkish government sources reported. Weinberger arrived in the Turkish capital late Thursday night and began his official contacts Friday.

The secretary first attended a briefing held in the Turkish Defense Ministry on Turkey's military modernization program, the sources said. Later, Weinberger met with Premier Buland Ulsu. A foreign ministry official, who asked not to be identified, said Weinberger and his Turkish counterpart U. Haluk

peace process.

But he pointed out that the Venice declaration differed from both U.S. and Israeli policies of commitment to the Camp David process which led to Israel's peace treaty with Egypt. The statement from Washington and Tel Aviv said the role of any nation's contingent in the peacekeeping force was defined under that peace treaty and by protocol "and there can be no derogation or reservation from any of them."

The official said Israel would not submit the conditions in the declaration to the Europeans, asking them "to reconfirm to Israel directly that they recognize that participation is based on relevant documents" of the Camp David process. "We have a more than reasonable expectation that we are going to be able in the near future to have an agreed basis of participation satisfactory to everyone," he said.

The official would not predict what form the European reply might take but added that he did not see this as a problem.

Egypt ready to restore ties with Chad

CAIRO, Dec. 4 (R) — Egypt is ready to restore diplomatic relations with Chad now that Libyan troops have withdrawn from the central African state, Deputy Foreign Minister Boutros Boutros Ghali said Friday. He also told reporters Cairo would offer technical aid to Chad.

Egypt broke off relations last year after Libyan troops intervened at the request of Chadian President Goukouni Oueddei to help the government fight rebel forces led by former Defense Minister Hissene Habre. Cairo denounced the intervention as Libyan expansionism and provided military aid to the rebels. Libyan troops pulled out of Chad last month.

Egyptian officials said a Chadian government delegation was expected in Cairo in the near future to discuss restoring relations.

Somalia forces journalist to leave country

NAIROBI, Dec. 4 (AFP) — The only Western journalist resident in Somalia, American Bob Dietz, has been forced to leave the country following a report he wrote on the United Nations census of refugees there.

The subject is a sensitive one with the Somali authorities, who have been appealing for international aid based on their estimate that there are 1.3 million refugees from Ethiopia's Ogaden in camps in Somalia. The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees is working on a provisional estimate of 650,000 refugees, however, and the census is intended to establish the number more exactly.

Dietz, 36, from Philadelphia, arrived in Nairobi Thursday after Somali authorities refused to renew his visa. He had been living in Mogadishu since February. Prior to that, he was working in Uganda, but was expelled from there last November. The free-lance journalist worked in Somalia for, among others, the BBC and Visnews of Britain. He told AFP Friday that while Somali authorities had given no official reason for refusing to extend his visa, he was convinced it had to do with a story he wrote on the refugee census from Jallalaqi Nov. 8. The report recalled the dispute over figures between the Somali government, the UNHCR and other international aid agencies.

Syria cabinet reshuffled

DAMASCUS, Dec. 4 (AP) — Prime Minister Abdul Raouf Al-Kasm reshuffled his 36-man cabinet Friday, retaining all key ministries for President Hafez Assad's Ruling Socialist Baath Party with the Communist Party keeping its two traditional portfolios, official sources here reported.

The sources, who requested anonymity, said the reshuffle brought nine newcomers into the Baath-dominated government Kasm originally formed in January 1980. Like their outgoing predecessors, the newcomers are all technocrats, the sources said.

The reshuffle followed Syria's recent parliamentary election in which the Baath Party maintained its 60 percent majority and its seats in the 195-member legislature. Despite the loss, Kasm retained Raafat Kurdi as communications minister and named Daoud Hamido, also a Communist as minister of state without portfolio, the sources added.

The Communists have held these two portfolios since Assad came to power in 1970. Their continued presence in the cabinet underscored no major policy shifts.

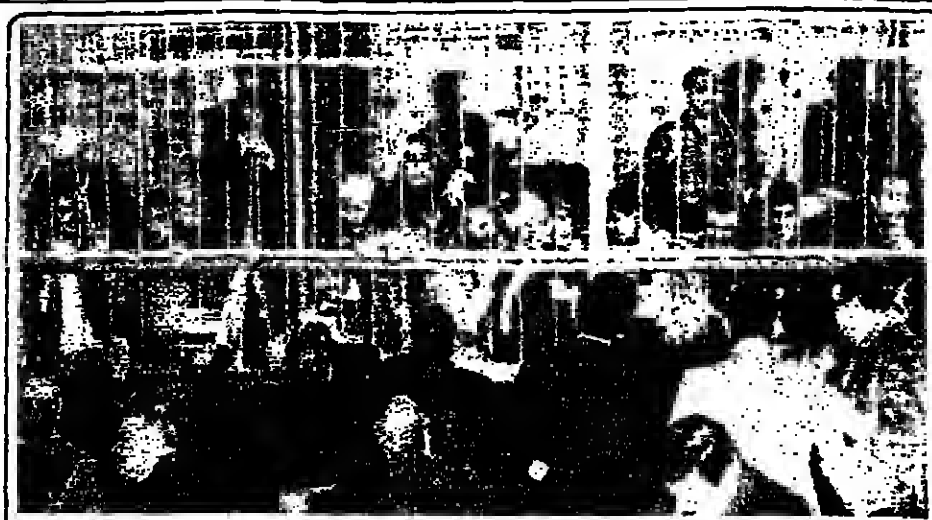
The sources said Assad has signed the presidential decree of the reshuffle and they are expected to be formally announced within 24 hours.

Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam, Defense Minister Maj. Gen. Mustafa Tlass, Interior Minister Maj. Gen. Nassereddin Nasser and Information Minister Ahmad Iskandar Ahmad retained their portfolios.

Habib meets Shamir

TEL AVIV, Dec. 4 (R) — Israel expressed its concern Friday to U.S. special envoy Philip Habib at what it claimed a heavy buildup of Palestinian commando forces in Lebanon, Israeli officials said.

Habib, who arrived in Tel Aviv from Jordan Friday on his current fourth Middle East mission, went directly into talks with Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir. An Israeli official quoted Shamir as saying to the American envoy during the two-hour talks that Israel was "dissatisfied and concerned over the heavy reinforcements that the Palestinians have brought into their lines in Lebanon." Habib said simply: "We had a very good talk."



(AP wirephoto)

COURTROOM CONFUSION: The courtroom, where the trial of the 24 accused of assassinating Egyptian President Anwar Sadat is continuing, is in general confusion Monday morning during a short recess by the military judges. Defendants shout to their lawyers and family members from their steel restraining cage, as lawyers approach the bars and speak to them. All of the 24 defendants pleaded not guilty during the session Monday.

Because of Ecevit's arrest Bonn may suspend aid to Turkey

BONN, Dec. 4 (R) — West Germany deplored Friday the imprisonment of former Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit and issued a thinly-veiled reminder that its aid to Turkey could be suspended until that country returns to democratic rule.

The West German statement by a government spokesman came after Danish Foreign Minister Kjeld Olesen issued a similar reaction in Copenhagen Thursday night, saying the jailing might force West European countries to withdraw aid. Ecevit began a four-month prison sentence Thursday for violating

a decree by the military government of Gen. Kenan Evren that bans political statements by members of outlawed parties.

Bonn's chief government spokesman Kurt Becker, questioned about the Ecevit case, told a routine press conference Friday it was known that aid to Turkey was renegotiated each year and "this involves considerations." Becker was apparently referring to a recommendation last month by the parliamentary economic cooperation committee that aid be suspended in order to put pressure on Turkey's military rulers.

10 explosives defused in Beirut

BEIRUT, Dec. 4 (AFP) — Police defused 10 separate explosive devices Friday around west Beirut, it was reported.

Eight were found at mid-morning in an area south of west Beirut, near several Palestinian camps and controlled by the Syrian-dominated Arab Deterrent Force. The devices, though small, were linked to a rocket-firing system, and would have caused serious damage if detonated, sources said.

A device containing 28 kg of explosives was found in the main commercial area of west Beirut, timed to detonate in the early morning rush hour. The other bomb was located near a school, also in west Beirut.

The bombing attempts were discovered hours after violent clashes between pro-Iraqi Baath (Socialist) Party backers and the Amal militiamen claimed at least two lives and injured five Thursday night in west Beirut.

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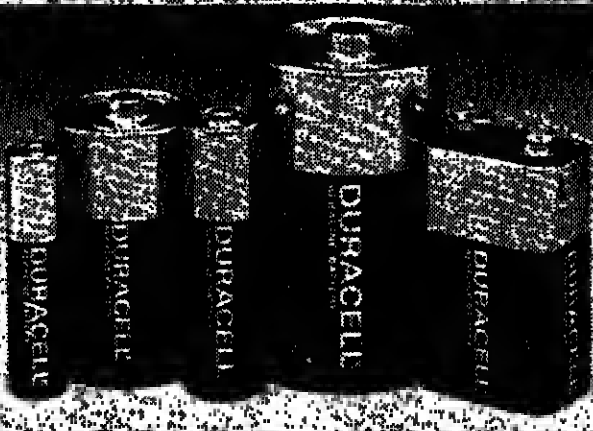
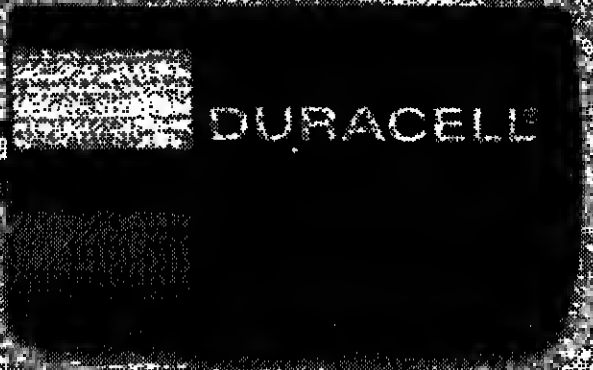
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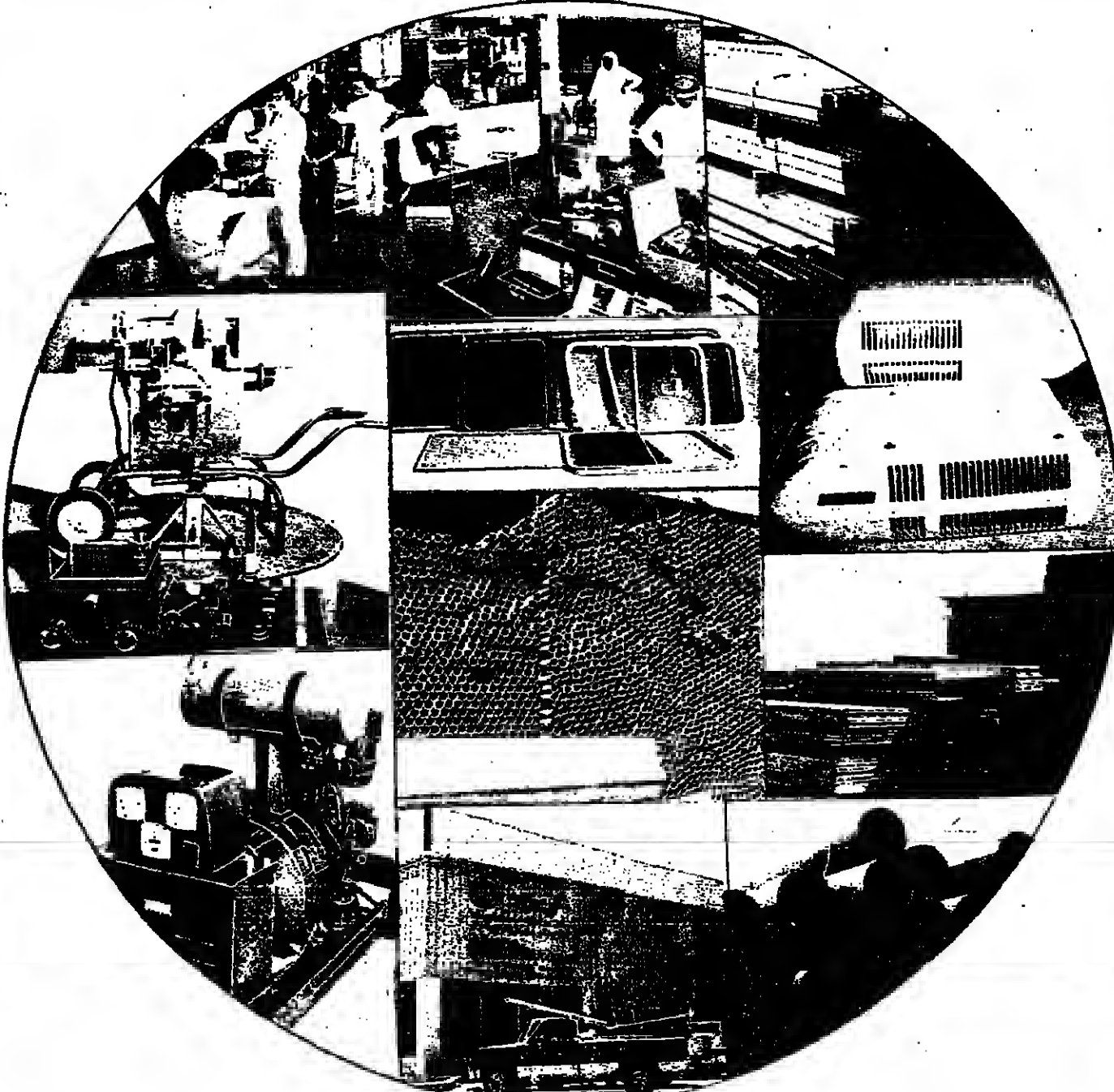
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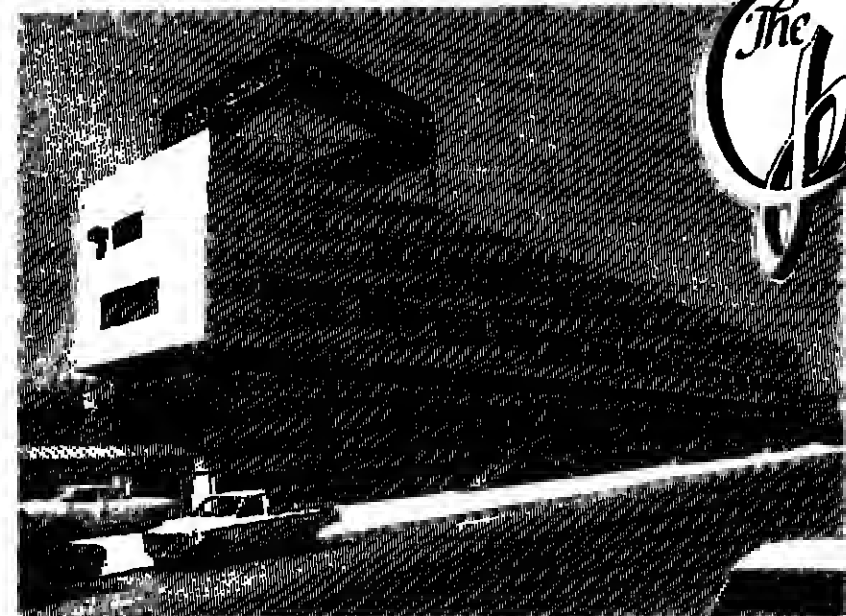


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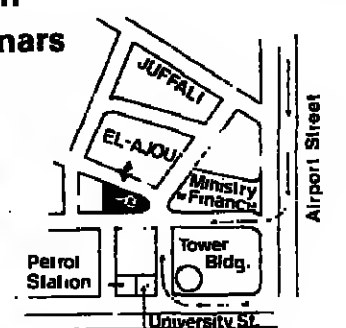
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AMPLIFIED VOICE

Israel has spoken! The countries of Western Europe have to sit up and take proper notice.

Nothing surprising in this, since Israel's puny voice reached Europe amplified hundredfold by the United States. Without this amplification, the story would be different.

Israel's firmly stated view is that the countries which want to contribute to the Sinai multinational force have to abide exclusively by the Camp David accords. The Europeans are said to be discussing this among themselves. But the outcome of the discussion is foreordained. Israel has spoken and America had amplified.

The whole of the multinational force is to number no more than 2,400 in personnel. Half of this will come from America. The Europeans will contribute their token contingents, and, as these include Britain, they will be followed by token troops from New Zealand, Canada and Australia. Token troops making up a token force — so why are the Israelis raising such a fuss?

The reason is that Israel wants to "internationalize" the arrangements it has agreed with Egypt and the United States. Israel thinks this will serve the cause of its "security" — this time, security from Egypt's direction. Which shows just how much faith the Israelis themselves have in Camp David, and with what spirit they approach it.

And that itself is not the final reason. For beyond it Israel needs to demonstrate to the Europeans, and to the international community as a whole, that Israel's words and Israel's moods have to be heeded. The spoiled brat must have its way.

Saudi Arabian press review

Friday's two newspapers *Okaz* and *Al-Jazirah* commented on the increasing worldwide support given to the Saudi Arabian peace plan for the Middle East.

Okaz said the Saudi Arabian blueprint is still gaining international support in favor of the Arab cause which needs a unified Arab stance in order to remove the Israeli enemy's obstacles from the path of reaching a just and honorable peace in the region.

Referring to the statement of King Hussein of Jordan in which he emphasized the Kingdom's plan did not deviate from the U.N. Security Council and the Arab summit's resolutions, the paper said the formula will achieve great gains for the Arabs at the international level and will make the world listen to the voice of the Arab nation after having been misled by Israel's false and malicious propaganda.

Noting Europe's praise of the Saudi proposals, *Al-Jazirah* said such statements will increase optimism about international acceptance of the plan which can meet the needs of international community for comprehensive peace in the region and assure a just solution to the Palestinian issue in the context of the relevant decisions taken by the U.N. Security Council. (SPA)

Letter to the editor

Informed newspaper

Sir,

I am an Irish expatriate, employed by the Saudi Ministry of Defense and Aviation at their hospital in Jeddah. Having spent the last 18 months in the Middle East it has become obvious to me that the views which most Westerners have of the situation in Palestine are colored to a great extent by the very powerful pro-Zionist lobby there.

This was certainly true of myself and it is only through having access to papers such as the *Arab News* that I have been made aware of the other side of this issue. I was totally ignorant of events such as Deir Yassin and the King David hotel massacres which are conveniently overlooked in all dealings with the Jews, by Western leaders.

May I thank you in anticipation and complement you on the production of a very informed newspaper.

Yours faithfully,
Stephen F. Brown
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Jeddah

Reagan's team in disarray

By Peter Pringle

WASHINGTON —

It would be hard to concoct a more ludicrous, and patently false statement about the Reagan administration than the one made by the president himself recently. In the decorous, stately east room of the White House, best known for Nixon's farewell speech, Reagan told reporters: "There is no hickering or back-stabbing going on... We are a very happy family".

To which an unusually combative press corps responded with a well deserved peal of laughter. "Who does this guy think he's kidding?" said an American colleague. The fact is, and everyone knows it, that the Reagan "family" in the White House has never been more miserable. The poisonous feuds surrounding Secretary of State Alexander Haig have been embarrassingly public, and, last month, the private unhappiness and doubts of the bright young budget director, David Stockman, burst out into the open. At one point the entire economic program, into which the president has invested so much political capital, seemed threatened.

But the president, self-assured as ever, continued to deliver his false claims with the sincerity of a salesman. The foreign policy achievements of the administration far from being in disarray, as the critics said, have been "rather astounding"; progress had been made in the Middle East and, in the president's view, the United States had never had a stronger relationship with its allies.

Reagan's extravagant claims, at this critical juncture in his administration when he must soon produce answers to the problems in Europe, the Middle East and the economy, have led to a re-examination of the president's political skills, the structure of his leadership and the nature of the White House decision-making process.

The man in the Oval Office emerges somewhat different from the stereotype of a dumb, Californian cowboy that was his image when he came to Washington. It is now of a wily, confident, stubborn somewhat idle man who has been ably protected by a team that, until now at least, has been working under the tightest discipline seen in Washington for many years.

When Ronald Reagan won his resounding victory, just a year ago, he and his political team were credited with amazing insights into the new conservative mood of the American people. Since then, this mood seems to have changed little and Reagan has exploited it well: he has made notable congressional victories and continued to be popular in the polls, including the key 25-30 age group where the American dream of owning a home and having a job is disappearing fast.

His dismantling of the federal bureaucracy, budget cuts, tax cuts, support for free enterprise, emphasis on a strong military and confrontation with the Soviet Union have all found grass roots support, with or without the president's urging. As Tip O'Neill, Democratic leader of the House said recently: "He's one hell of a poll: he's a master."

But the original question is still about his own physical and mental competence for the office of the presidency — can he last longer than 9 to 5 without his cue cards? In office, the attempt on his life apart, Reagan has showed no great desire to exert himself. There is no pacing up and down in the small hours searching desperately for a direction, as Jimmy Carter used to do.

From the start Reagan knew the direction he wanted to go: the problem was not what to do, but how to do it. He found a way involving the minimum of effort and the maximum of cover. Like Eisenhower he runs a cabinet-style government; he makes the decisions and the government governs. Unless he becomes personally involved in the fight, like the AWACS sale to Saudi Arabia, he lets the details pass him by.

Some approve. They say that the complexity of presidential decisions is such that to attempt to learn too much is counter-productive: one-page memos, Churchillian-style, is enough and is all that is needed for fine leadership. Others disapprove. They say Reagan would make better decisions, and less blunders, if he were better informed, but he is too idle to learn.

The recent slip about limited nuclear war in Europe is a case in point. "No politician, even if they thought a limited nuclear war in Europe was possible, would air their views like the president did in the face of the European peace movements," said one Senate aide. "Reagan just does not appreciate what is going on in Europe. He's ill-informed."

So who is minding the details in the store? The so-called triumvirate of the presidential White House staff, Counselor Ed Meese, Chief of Staff James Baker and his deputy Michael Deaver, the original Big Three, continue to be extremely powerful men, but the 18 cabinet officials also play key roles. They are more administrative salesmen and policy makers than representatives of their departments.

Reagan's men do not have independent powers, like some of Eisenhower's cabinet members. Except for those who have personal relationships with the president it is rare for them to bypass the triumvirate.

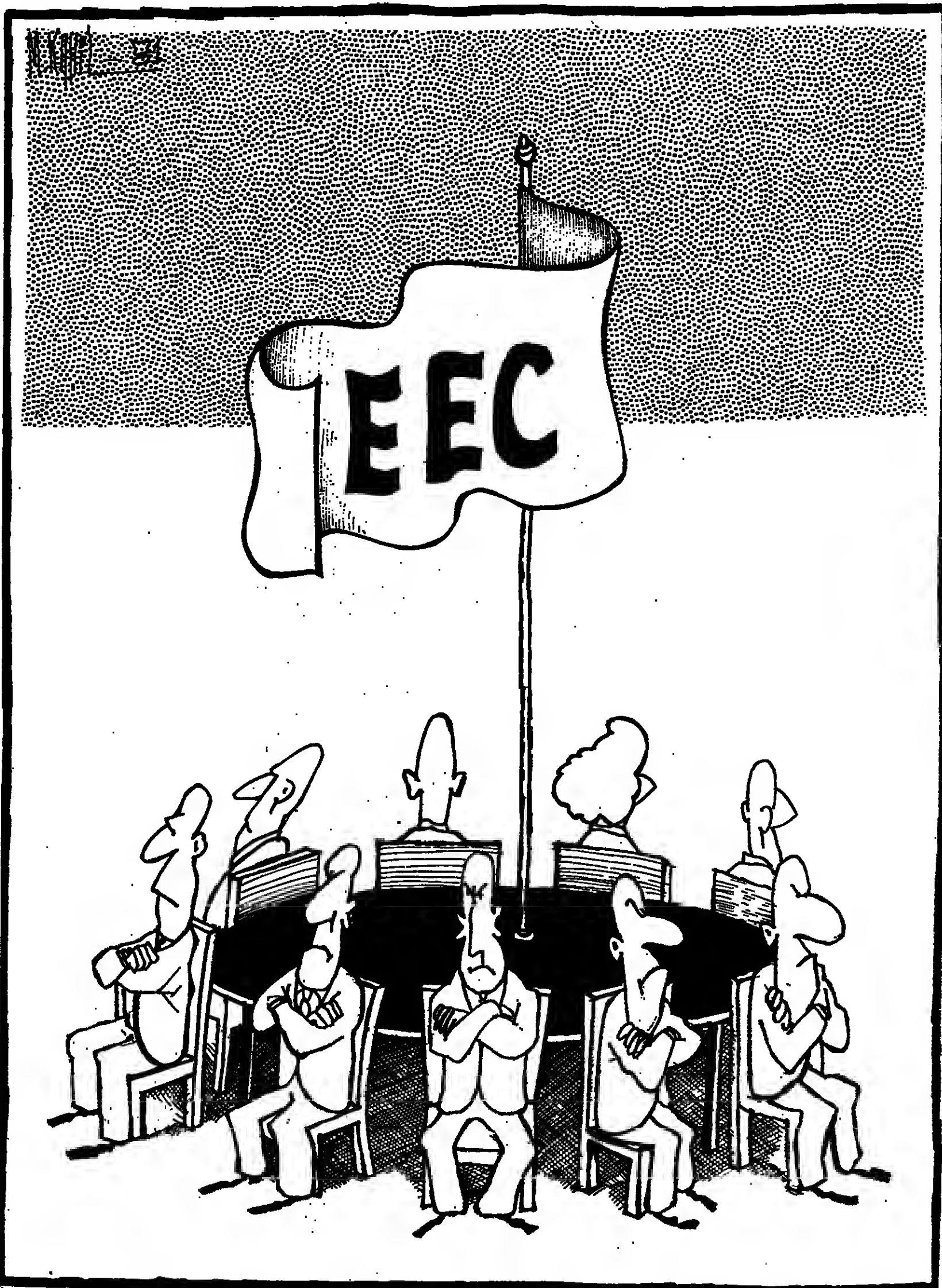
In many cases, Richard Allen at the National Security Council is one, the press secretaries are another. Access to the president is squarely blocked by the triumvirate.

The problem with this structure is that Meese, a 48-year-old Californian lawyer, is a key figure in foreign policy access to the president and yet he has had little foreign affairs experience. While critics approve of the diminished role of Allen at NSC because they consider he is not up to the task, they would like to see someone giving the president the foreign policy briefings he clearly needs. Of the triumvirate, Chief of Staff Baker, a wealthy Texan lawyer has emerged as the most formidable of the three and is the one now thought to have more of the president's ear than anyone.

The protection of the president extends to the cabinet officials themselves: some of them have willingly, even eagerly, taken the responsibility for controversial issues thereby screening the president from direct criticism.

The publication of Stockman's private thoughts has harmed Reagan. At 35, even the relatively inexperienced Stockman, certainly knew what he was doing when he told the *Washington Post* reporter as long ago as last April that the Reagan economic program was not working out as intended. Later in the year Stockman even acknowledged to the reporter that "supply-side" economic was just a new name for trickle-down policies favoring the rich.

When an angry Reagan — angry to find one of his most trusted team players stepping out of line — took Stockman "into the woodshed" to scold him, Stockman offered his resignation but the president would not accept it. (ONS)



Brezhnev paves way for Schmidt-Honecker talks

By Peter Millar

EAST BERLIN —

West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and East German leader Erich Honecker, who meet for the first time on German soil next week, have both indicated in the past their willingness to act as contacts between the superpowers.

The meeting has twice been postponed because of crises in East-West relations but will now go ahead from Dec. 11 to 13 in East Germany. The two men are expected to hold their talks in a hunting retreat at the lakeside resort of Werbellinsee, north of East Berlin.

Relations between East and West Germany are usually seen as a barometer of détente. A meeting between Schmidt and Honecker was put off after the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan in December 1979 and again in August last year because of tension over events in Poland.

Relations were further hit by East Germany's decision in October 1980 to more than double the amount of money visitors have to change for every day of their stay in the country.

The move hit West Germans wanting to visit relatives in the east and almost halved the number of crossing the border. But prospects for inter-German talks improved last week during the visit to

Bonn of Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev.

The West German chancellor said Brezhnev took a positive view of a Schmidt-Honecker meeting. The official East German media emphasized the positive side of the Soviet president's talks with Schmidt, despite acknowledged differences on arms policies.

Some political observers here have said a meeting between the two German leaders now useful at least establish a contact that might prove useful if the U.S.-Soviet arms talks in Geneva run into major snags.

Asked in September whether he thought a meeting was likely this year, Honecker replied: "The gods know." Columnists quipped that the relevant gods were probably called Leonid Brezhnev and Ronald Reagan. However, Brezhnev's visit to Bonn seems to have cleared the way.

The official Communist Party daily *Neues Deutschland* said of the Brezhnev visit to Bonn: "It is a sign of realism and the constructiveness of the politics of peaceful coexistence that representatives of states with different political and social systems can talk with each other about vital international problems."

Among Schmidt's goals at a meeting with Honecker would be a review of the East German currency regulations affecting West German visitors.

The East German leader, for his part would be likely to seek an extension of an 850 million mark (\$400 million) annual interest-free credit granted by Bonn.

The credit is due to drop back to 200 million marks (some \$90 million) on Dec. 31. Conservative politicians in Bonn have already warned Schmidt against maintaining the credit, saying this would weaken his bargaining position on the exchange rates.

The two sides are likely to remain divided on arms policy whatever progress is made on bilateral issues. Honecker was the first East European leader openly to condemn President Reagan's "zero option" arms cut proposals as propaganda.

East Germany has fully backed the Soviet line that Reagan's proposals, by referring only to land-based missiles, would mean the Soviet Union doing all the dismantling, while the U.S. would achieve nuclear superiority because of its submarine-based missiles and nuclear-equipped aircraft.

Schmidt, however, welcomed the U.S. proposals as a constructive effort to make real progress in cutting arms levels in Europe. Like the powerful West German peace movement he sees the present levels as increasing the risk of war, with Germany as a prospective battlefield. (R)

Caribbean states skeptical about U.S. initiative

By Stewart Russell

MIAMI —

Some leaders of small Caribbean states doubt whether the Reagan administration's new Caribbean basin initiative will help them out of economic trouble. Washington officials have put the emphasis on private sector initiative and measures to encourage this rather than direct government assistance to developing countries.

Washington is on record as saying that "developing countries must pull themselves up by their own bootstraps." Prime Minister Vere Bird of newly-independent Antigua and Barbuda told a conference here this week.

"None of us disagrees with that concept, but first we must have the straps with which to pull up the boots," he said. "We will never have the straps if the order of priority does not place the required aid at the forefront."

He and seven other heads of government from what Washington has defined as the Caribbean basin area — including Central America, Mexico, Colombia and Venezuela as well as the mostly English-speaking island nations — attended the conference.

At least four leaders said that unless direct aid was provided first, there was no way they would be able to attract the kind of private investment the Caribbean basin initiative is meant to foster.

U.S. officials said they were pleased most speakers had tempered their remarks with enthusiasm that the U.S. was at last taking a serious overall look at the future of the region. Although Washington policy is still being formulated, U.S. officials say there are four basic assumptions:

— The key to prosperity in the region lies in the development of the private sector.

— Its programs must be designed as "carrots" to stimulate local initiative.

— It will be a long-term approach.

— It will emphasize multilateral cooperation.

But as Dominica's ebullient Prime Minister Eugenia Charles told a press conference in Miami "How do I ask investors to come to Dominica when there are no roads to move bio products? It is as simple as that."

Direct aid for construction of roads, telecommunications, ports and airfields must come first, she said, echoing the views of Bird. Prime Ministers Kennedy Simmonds of St. Kitts-Nevis, George Price of Belize and others.

Even Prime Minister Edward Seaga of Jamaica, a favorite of the Reagan administration because his free enterprise philosophy prevailed over Socialist Michael Manley in general elections last August, felt obliged to tell Washington, "Aid is not charity. It is business. The transfer of resources from developed to developing world is not a one-way flow but a stimulation of trade with significant

reverse flows back to the industrialized world." He said nations in the region were "generally deficient in many of the prerequisites for attracting private investment."

Some regional officials at the conference were privately critical of the attention lavished on Jamaica. "What do we have to do," one asked rhetorically, "elect a Manley or a Fidel Castro first, then throw him out in order to get help?"

The conference was sponsored by the Caribbean-Central American Action, a Washington-based nonprofit group that promotes business ties between the U.S. and the region. It basically favors free enterprise.

Its executive director, Peter Johnson, told reporters: "We're putting every bit as much time into the smaller islands. We're trying to convince the U.S. government it can't ignore some of the more struggling islands just so Jamaica can succeed." He said he was somewhat disappointed by the progress made so far with the Caribbean basin initiative.

"We expected to get assurance that the United States is now prepared to address the particular problems of the lesser-developed countries of the eastern Caribbean," he told a news conference. "Maybe it is prepared but so far there is no evidence and we need that flexibility."

Price of Belize said bluntly, "The basic formula should be reversed — first aid for infrastructure, then business investment." (R)

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Saudi Arabia, Australia cooperate in meteorological training program

By Kathy Lund

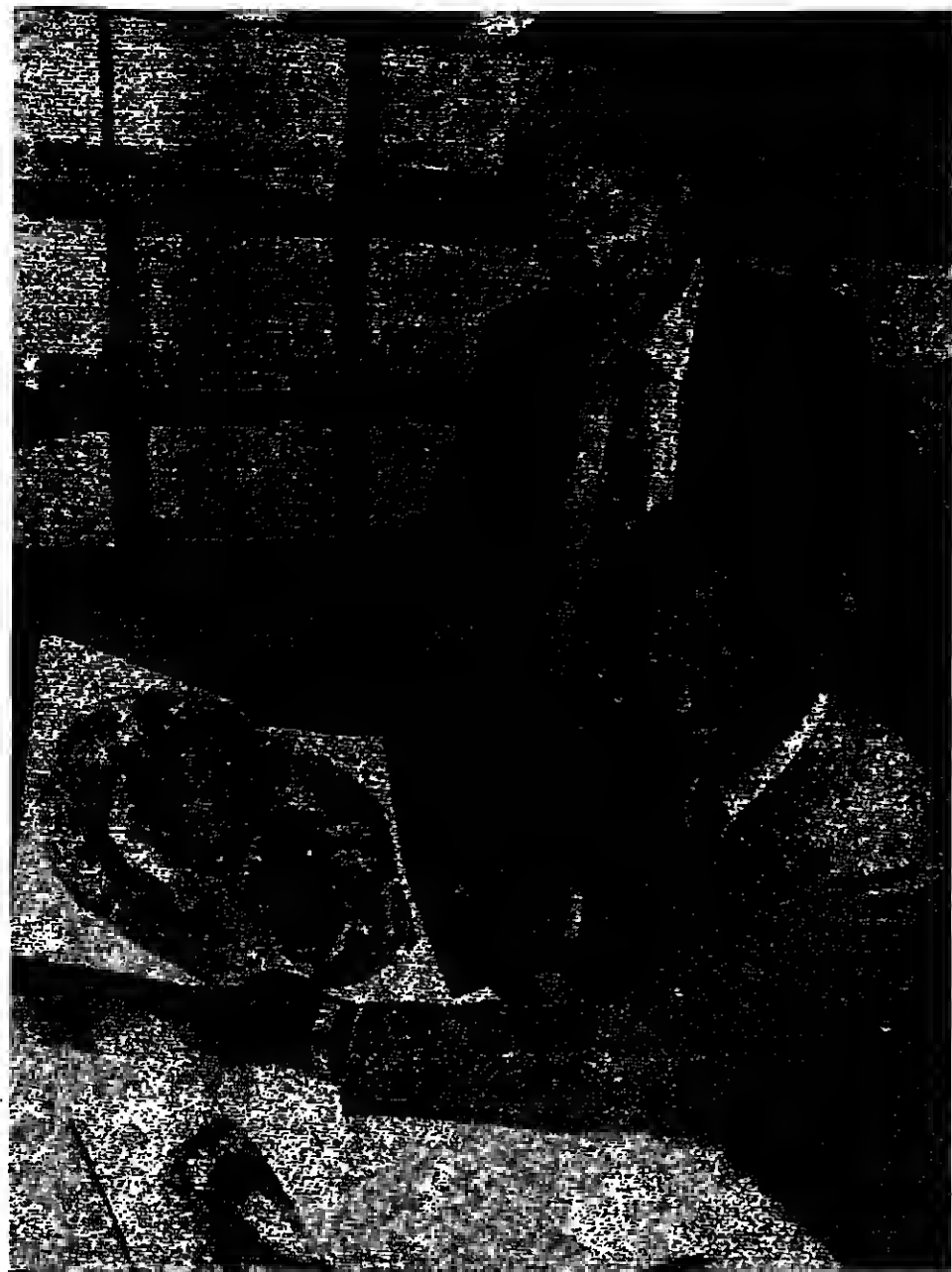
JEDDAH — To most people the weather is something to talk about when the conversation dries up. But to one special group it's the most interesting subject in the world. Meteorologists spend all their working lives talking about the weather — and it's crucial that they do. All sorts of people depend upon their forecasts, from picnickers to airline pilots. It's a profession that takes a lot more training than looking up to see if there are any clouds in the sky.

Under a Memorandum of Understanding, signed in 1979, Saudi Arabia and Australia agreed to cooperate in the field of meteorology. Saudi Arabians study the science in Australia while Australian radar technicians have visited the Kingdom to observe and advise on operations at the various meteorological stations around the country. There are also discussions being held between the Australian government, through its Overseas Projects Corporation, and the Meteorological Environmental Protection Agency to provide a team of experts to supervise operations and administration and help in the Saudization program.

Saad Mohalifi is one of the Saudi weather observers who has already completed courses in Australia. He completed a nine month course in theoretical and operational meteorology at the Australian Bureau of Meteorology's training School in Melbourne and also studied at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology.

Saad Mohalifi will work as an assistant weather forecaster at Jeddah Airport, where he will brief pilots and prepare aviation forecasts. Before going on the training program, he was chief weather observer at Abha airport. He is pictured while in Australia, Mohalifi studied under the Director of the Australian Bureau of Meteorology, Dr. John Zillman.

Zillman was a member of the delegation accompanying the Australian Deputy Prime Minister J.D. Anthony, when he visited the Kingdom in March this year for the signing of the Agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation. Last month two senior Australian Meteorologists, John Mortral and John Randall visited the Kingdom for talks on future training programs for Saudi Arabians in Australia.



STUDYING THE WEATHER: Details shown on a satellite weather map are examined by Saad Mohalifi, seated, and Dr. John Zillman, director of the Australian Bureau of Meteorology.

Kids flock to Beatlefest

Music links several generations

By Pat Morrison

LOS ANGELES (LAT) — If you insist, then yes — they were just four boys in Hans Brinker haircuts, speaking industrial-grade, English and pranking it up in suits that even Oscar Wilde would have found too foppish. It's true, they haven't made a record together in 10 years, nor performed in concert in 15. And one of them has been dead nearly a year. But on one recent weekend, it was 1964 again, and the Beatles — untouched by time or tarnish — were united, by modern techno-miracles, with a gathering of more than 4,000 young fans who still think that John, Paul, George and Ringo were among the most important influences in their lives — even second-hand, and 10 years late.

"I never remember first hearing them — they were just always there," is how Carolyn Wallace accounted for the Beatles' presence in her life. For four years — since she was 13 — she has wheedled her parents into bringing her to the annual Beatlefest.

While they dine and go to the theater, she and friend Pani Woy prowls the "flea markets" for Beatles souvenirs, watch any scrap of Beatles film footage, attend panel discussions on the foursome, applaud Beatle "sound-alikes."

Even the producers of the fifth annual Beatlefest are at a bit of a loss to explain each year's increasing attendance. It is not just the music: fans could stay home and listen for less than the \$11.50 ticket price.

And it is not the murder on Dec. 8, 1980, of John Lennon. "We're only dealing with the faithful here — the dedicated fans," Assistant Producer Roger Berkley said. "We were concerned after John died. We didn't want it to be exploitative, but the letters we got said we need it now more than ever."

The fervor that is already there "seems to be getting stronger, obviously because of John's death," said Mike McCartney, Paul's brother, here to promote his *Family Album* book.

"There's a new generation of kids in England who really understand and appreciate what that group meant to the world." But there is also the danger, warned McCartney, of "going too deeply into it, reading too much into it. Then you get like that boy who wasted John's life. The message was happiness, that's all."

And "it would be a crime," says Beatlefest originator and producer Mark Lapidus, "not to let this happen."

It was happening all over two floors of a Los Angeles hotel — in the two flea markets,

where the canny or the sentimental had bought up or stashed away Beatles by-products for eventual sale.

If "Beatles bubbles" (\$30), a Beatles lunchbox (\$85), and red patent Beatle boots (8 1/2 narrow, \$85), were too pricey, there were lots of snapshots, (from 10 cents up) of Paul or Ringo, of George in a car with a seatbelt, that looked like you took them yourself.

"When they do a song, it always tells a story," said Sally Beck, 50. "Yeah — even if it's nutty," put in her husband.

That quality of nuttiness, an innocent zeal, had Walter Shenson bemused. He stood in the dark in the upstairs ballroom, listening to girls shrill at every scene in *Help!* one of the two Beatles films he produced back when the screamers' parents were screaming at the real, live thing.

"They scream at everybody — even the men who designed the titles," he murmured. "My whole past is coming back when I listen. These fans are really the same age (now) as those we made the film for."

Perhaps the appeal of the Beatles legend grows because the Beatles themselves, as a group, do not. They will never produce a lousy album; they will never show up on stage haggard and mascaraed.

Many factors influence our weather

By Ahmad Siraj

JEDDAH — Arabia is a vast quadrangular peninsula of Southwestern Asia. Its lies between the Arabian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman to the East, the Red Sea to the west and the Arabian Sea to the south. In the north it is bounded by Iraq and Jordan. It has a longitudinal extent of about 2,400 kms and an average width of about 1,280 km. The area is roughly 1,920,000 sq. km. about one third the area of Europe. A narrow coastal region comprising of Yemen, Hadramout, Muscat and Oman separates Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from the Arabian Sea.

Except in the south and southeast, where sandy desert predominates, a vast central plateau covers most of Saudi Arabia rising from about 760 meters in the north, to 2,121 meters in the southwest. In the southern and western regions, the plateau is bounded by mountain chains, having some peaks reaching a height of 3,000 meters. Some parts of these mountains are extinct volcanoes with large areas of lava fields at the very center of the plateau.

In the interior, to the south and north of the plateau, there is a low and hot strip of land of varying width and partially fertile. Along the Arabian Gulf, the plateau slopes to the coast giving a stretch of arable land 8-160 km wide.

General Meteorological Conditions
In winter, the effect of the sub-tropical high pressure is reinforced by occasional intrusions of ridges of high pressure from the cold Siberian high pressure, bringing rather low temperatures over the country. Thus, except along the coastal strip which is under the moderating influence of the adjoining seas, the winter is reasonably cold and dry.

Almost all rainfall that actually occurs is associated with thunder showers produced by low pressure systems from the eastern Mediterranean Sea that move across the northern parts of the country during the winter period.

Surface Wind
Surface winds in winter are generally from northerly directions in the eastern part of Arabia, from easterly direction in the southern part, and from southerly directions in the northern part of western regions with northerly wind in the northern part. Winds in the interior are variable. The general pattern sometimes varies locally, where topography divers the general air flow. Wind speed are generally low.

Frontal weather
The southern and eastern parts of Saudi Arabia are normally affected by frontal systems associated with extra-tropical cyclones (the ordinary middle altitude lows) these cyclones move eastward from the Mediterranean, pass over the northern part of the Kingdom and move into the Arabian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman. They occur at any time between October and May but are most fre-

Winter has arrived

quent in winter, when three or more affect the area. Cloudy skies and rain, and some time thunder storms, are associated with frontal passage. The lows are also accompanied with occasional squalls.

Airmasses
In winter, a continental air mass usually overlies the area. These air masses have their origin in the intense high which builds up over Asia. Although they are considerably warmed by their southerly trajectory, they bring low temperatures to the interior of the country and to higher elevations where moderating effects of neighboring bodies of water are not felt, occasionally there are intrusions of continental tropical air from Sahara to western part of the country.

The northern portion of Saudi Arabia is affected by maritime tropical air which acts as the warm airmass in cyclones which pass over

the area the maritime tropical air-mass gives rise to the greatest precipitation and cloud amounts.

Precipitation
Precipitation is at maximum in winter everywhere except in the extreme south. This precipitation is primarily caused by cyclonic depressions traversing to the northern half of the area. In some years, the cyclones move farther south than in others, and whether or not a particular place in the area would receive rain depends upon the trajectories of the cyclones. Droughts are very common in the desert, where in many places, years pass between rains. Floods are not uncommon; numerous places are flooded every five to 10 years in connection with winter cyclonic rains. There is no snow at any of the lowland stations except in the northern part of the country.

Atmospheric pollutants change earth's climate

By Philip J. Hills

WASHINGTON (WP) — The danger that the earth's atmosphere may be heating up to catastrophic levels from atmospheric pollution is greater, and the heating may occur much faster than previously thought, according to new research by several groups of scientists. In the past few weeks several new reports have given new evidence that the warming is actually occurring and that the danger is not only from the polluting gas, but also from several more.

Until now, scientists thought the danger of turning the atmosphere into an unregulated oven that would melt ice caps, flood coastal regions, and create deserts in the next century was chiefly from carbon dioxide caused by industrial and auto combustion.

But now in reports from the Goddard Space Flight Institute and elsewhere, at least five other gases have been found that as a group may be heating up the atmosphere as much or more than carbon dioxide. They are nitrous oxide, methane, ozone, and two forms of freon.

The total effect may bring the serious problems of heating 20 years closer, says Gordon MacDonald, chief scientist at Mitre Corp. And one of a group of researchers studying the problem. The heating from "trace gases" in the atmosphere may cause the worst problems just 40 years from now rather than 60, he says.

At the same time the danger from other gases is being calculated, there may be confirmation that the atmosphere is actually beginning to heat up. None of the conclusions is yet firm because, MacDonald said, "of the

difficulty of finding a trend in something (global temperature) that is always going up and down."

But George Kukla and Joyce Gavin of Columbia University recently reported that the amount of pack ice in Antarctic summers is sharply lower now than in the 1930s. The finding agrees with the prediction that the first notable effect of warming air would be along the edge of the seasonally shrinking sea ice.

Kukla wrote only tentative connections can be made between his results and atmospheric warming, but that priority must be given to such studies now.

From recent measurements of four of the gases — methane, nitrous oxide, and the two types of freon — James Hansen and his colleagues at the Goddard Space Flight Center in New York now say these gases alone may cause as much heating of the atmosphere as the better-documented threat from carbon dioxide.

Hansen and his colleagues wrote in the current issues of *Geophysical Research Letters* that this warming along with that from carbon dioxide should push the global temperatures above their natural up-and-down swings very soon, sometime within this decade.

The other problem gas is ozone, which may have an effect one-third that of carbon dioxide, MacDonald says. Ozone is increasing largely because a chemical that normally combines to destroy it in the atmosphere is being depleted by car and industrial exhaust fumes.

All the chemicals, from carbon dioxide to ozone, would warm the planet in the same way.

Liddy detective franchise will play on the Watergate connection

By William C. Rempel

CHICAGO (LAT) — G. Gordon Liddy, the master of domestic espionage who helped make Watergate a household word, is casting in on nearly 10 years of notoriety. He is the latest thing on the American franchise market — the Col. Sanders of franchised private eyes.

From a modest eight-floor world headquarters office in a suburban shopping center, the fledgling firm of G. Gordon Liddy Associates Inc. is marketing exclusive territories in the United States and overseas to selected private investigators.

Branch offices are already operating in New York, Washington, D.C., Las Vegas,

Nev. and Miami, and negotiations are nearly complete for assignment of the Los Angeles franchise, according to Thomas E. Ferraro, a partner in the venture.

"We're looking for offices in every major U.S. city," he said.

So, what Ronald McDonald is to cheeseburgers and fries, Liddy could soon be to anti-bugging devices and bullet-proof limousines.

Franchising private eyes is the brainchild of Ferraro, a 37-year-old, 280-pound ex-policeman from suburban Niles, Ill., who proudly takes credit for recruiting "the most famous name" in covert operations in America.

"We're going to do \$1 million business this year because of Liddy's name," said Ferraro, who formed the company with partner Charles Laws early this year.

For fees ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000 qualifying investors can open branch offices under the common banner of Gemstone Security Ltd., a Liddy Associates subsidiary specializing in such services as industrial counter-espionage, executive protection and sophisticated bugging detection and prevention.

The company offers bodyguards, private air transportation, bullet-proof cars and equipment to "sweep" homes, offices, vehicles and board rooms clean of eavesdropping devices.

"There's a growing concern and need in business and professional circles for more effective security," Liddy says in a company brochure.

However, most people probably remember that Liddy made his name — and earned 52 months in federal prisons — by helping plant bugs, by directing schemes to infiltrate and spy on political opponents and by ordering break-ins of private offices when working for the White House and the committee to re-elect former President Nixon.

In fact, Liddy's resume reads more like an enemy of an industrial security officer than an ally. He was convicted of burglary, wiretapping and attempted spying in a celebrated 1973 court case during which Liddy refused to speak or cooperate with prosecutors. He was serving a 20-year sentence when President Carter commuted his term in September, 1977.

Ferraro guarantees that his private-eye partners and associates will do nothing illegal. "Mr. Liddy insisted on that," he said. "What Liddy did in the government he did because he thought it would help the country

and the president, but this is private industry and I don't see how we could justify breaking any laws."

"We'd lose our license," he added.

But, because Liddy is a convicted felon, he cannot be a licensed private investigator, a technically circumvented when Liddy's wife, Frances, was named executive vice president of Liddy Associates. The family's financial interest in the firm is through stock held by Mrs. Liddy. Liddy himself is a consultant for both Liddy Associates and Gemstone Security.

If the name gemstone evokes some faint recognition, it could be because that was the code name of a wide variety of covert and illegal operations carried out by the Liddy-led White House "plumbers" unit — operations like the Sapphire Project, which proposed wiring for sound on a houseboat near the 1972 Democratic convention headquarters in Miami, or Project Opal, Liddy's name for "black-bag jobs", or break-ins.

The original gemstone dissolved after the bugging of Democratic National Headquarters at the Watergate office-apartment complex in June 1972.

If Ferraro is not concerned about the etymology of Gemstone Security, he is concerned about its growth. He is looking forward to Liddy's increased involvement in promoting the company in the next year.

"That's where he can really help us," Ferraro said. "He has contacts, name recognition and, in some circles, prestige."

Before starting the franchise venture, Ferraro had for some time operated a successful local private investigation service in Niles. But, to fulfill his dream of "going national", he needed to affiliate with a big name in the investigative field.

Sam Spade is fictional, J. Edgar Hoover is dead and Ferraro said there is no appeal in security circles to a private eye agency named after Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein — The Washington Post investigative reporters who broke the Watergate story.

He chose Liddy, a name he contends is popular with persons in law enforcement and security. Ferraro reasoned that Liddy's name alone would give him entree to potential clients among previously inaccessible corporate executives and to out-of-state licensed detectives who would like to work in a firm affiliated with Liddy.

"He's the perfect guy for us — a former FBI agent, army officer and lawyer," Ferraro said. "He's admired by people in my business because he's a stand-up kind of guy. He did what he had to do and then he kept his mouth shut. Ok, he made one mistake, but he didn't hurt anybody."

Ferraro added: "Liddy's really into clandestine operations and now we've found a way for him to do what he does best — in private industry instead of the government."

Liddy, traveling to lecture appearances, could not be reached. But his satisfaction with the private-eye venture may be indicated by an autographed picture hanging in Ferraro's small office.

": says: "For Tom — tomorrow belongs to us."



BEATLE LOOK-ALIKES: This singing group, called Beatlemania performed in New York and upset the original Beatles due to their mimicry.

America probes sleeping deaths

ATLANTA, Dec. 4 (AP) — A sudden and mysterious illness that kills people in their sleep has become a significant cause of death among previously healthy Laotian refugees in the United States, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) said Friday.

"It is a completely new syndrome — death in young, healthy people that occurs at night, that occurs in minutes and lacks explanation after autopsy," said Dr. Roy Baron, a medical investigator with the centers' epidemiology program office.

Thirty-eight cases among southeast Asian refugees have been reported since February to the CDC, which was launched an intensive investigation of the deaths. The reported deaths occurred from July 1977 until October 1981.

Family members who witnessed the deaths said the victims died while sleeping. All were in good health, and none complained of significant symptoms before going to bed. Abnormal breathing or brief groans were the only clues that something was wrong, and signs of life ceased within minutes, the CDC said.

Witnesses interpreting the terminal groans in these deaths as signs of terrors supported the popular notion that deaths resulted from terrifying dreams," the CDC said in its morbidity and mortality weekly report. "However, careful questioning of the witnesses in the United States indicated that the terminal sounds were those often heard following cardiac arrest."

The CDC investigation is centered on the heart tissue of the victims in an effort to determine if the affliction is a heart disease. The estimated rate of the unexplained deaths among Laotian men aged 25-44 is 87 per 100,000 comparable to the sum of the rates of the four leading causes of natural death among U.S. males in the same age group, the CDC said.

At London auction Old Vic props sold for a song

LONDON, Dec. 4 (AP) — Alas, poor Yorick. His skull was sold Thursday to the highest bidder for a few sovereigns. The skull, along with a cream-colored shirt and gold-braided velvet jacket used by actor Derek Jacobi as Hamlet, brought 120 pounds (\$232.20) as part of an auction of costumes and props from London's famous and now-defunct Old Vic Company.

The auction, conducted at the Old Vic Theatre by Christie's auctioneer, drew about 750 persons. Sold were more than 2,000 items — including wardrobe pieces, wigs, swords, armor and other props used in the old Vic's most famous Shakespearean and other plays.

One prize costume was the blood-stained tunic worn by Peter O'Toole as Macbeth in 1980. Another was a gold dress made for Dorothy Tutin as Cleopatra in 1977. A smart gentlemen's wool suit worn by Timothy West as Mr. Emerson in the 1975 *A Room with a View* by E.M. Forster also came under the gavel.

Christie's auctioneer Christopher Elwes, who presided, said: "It's a very sad occasion. We have never had to sell a theater company's wardrobe before. It is the most unusual auction I have ever conducted."

The Hamlet costume, modeled for the occasion by a drama student, was bought by the costume gallery of Castle Howard in north Yorkshire, which doubles as the set

for the television series *Brideshead Revisited*.

"It was the costume we wanted," said curator Richard Robson. "The imitation skull — alas — was incidental. A costume worn by such a well-known actor in what was a great theater company is a very good catch. We are pleased with the price we had to pay."

Born in 1818 as a music hall and melodrama house, the old Vic passed through varied phases as a recreation club, a place for religious gatherings and a home to early movies, ballet, opera and symphonic concerts before Lilian Baylis took it over as manager in 1989.

Miss Baylis, strong-willed but eccentric, dominated the old Vic until her death in 1937, transforming it into a dreamworld for Shakespearean actors and audiences. The drab brick theater in un-fashionable south London received its name in 1833, when its proprietors named it after the future queen — Victoria.

Britain's finest classical actors performed there at one time or another — Sir Lawrence Olivier, Sir John Gielgud, Sir Ralph Richardson, Dame Sybil Thorndike, Dame Peggy Aschcroft to name but a few. Olivier ran Britain's National Theatre from there between 1962 and 1973, before it transferred to its present modernistic home on the south bank of the River Thames.

BRIEFS

COLOMBO (AFP) — Indian President Sanjeeva Reddy is likely to make a state visit to Sri Lanka in February, Sri Lankan Trade Minister Lalith Athulathmudali said here Friday. Athulathmudali returned here two days ago from New Delhi, where he met Reddy and Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

NEW DELHI (AFP) — Over 500,000 persons die every year of cancer in India, a national symposium was told in south India Thursday. The symposium, being held in Trivandrum, emphasized the need for a national policy to combat cancer through concerted efforts.

SINGAPORE (AFP) — The Chinese delegation was Friday reported to have boycotted a disabled people's international congress here in protest against Taipei dele-

gates having "Republic of China" on their name tags.

DUSSELDORF (AFP) — A Red Army faction leader was sentenced to life imprisonment Friday here for the September 1977 kidnapping and murder of Hans Schleyer, a leading industrialist and the head of West Germany's Employers' Association. Stefan Wisniewski, who was one of the leaders of the Haagemeyer group within the Red Army faction, was the first to be sentenced for the killing, which took place at the height of a period of terrorist attacks in West Germany.

SINGAPORE (AFP) — Public Services International, meeting here in its first congress in Asia in its 75 years, Friday called for the release of political prisoners but withdrew a resolution about human and trade union rights in Singapore itself.

Ciskei marks independence from S.Africa

BISHO, Ciskei, Dec. 4 (R) — The black homeland of Ciskei, facing a future of poverty and international isolation, celebrated its independence from white-ruled South Africa at midnight Thursday with a 101-gun salute.

The South African flag was lowered for the last time in the partially-built independence stadium at Bisho, a wind-swept dusty plateau where Ciskei's future capital will be built.

But the soldier detailed to raise the blue and white Ciskei flag managed only to pull down the flagpole and the new state's flag had to be unfurled before a crowd of 30,000 with its mast held in place by six South African soldiers.

No foreign dignitaries attended the independence celebrations for the barren and impoverished territory lying between the Indian Ocean ports of East London and Port Elizabeth. For Ciskei, the fourth homeland granted independence from South Africa, stands as little chance of gaining international recognition as the previous three.

The South African government aims to create a constellation black tribal states co-existing peacefully with the white republic. Apart from South Africa, the only representatives at the celebrations were those of the Bophuthatswana and Venda homelands.

Transkei, the third internationally-recognized tribal state, boycotted the ceremony. Transkei's Prime Minister George Matanzina claimed that separating the Xhosa people, the tribe to which both Ciskeians and Transkeians belong, made a mockery of South Africa's homeland policy.

The dispute with Transkei is not the only problem facing the barren, drought-prone land of Ciskei. It has little to export but the labor of its people, many of whom work in the mines and factories of South Africa, and has one of the lowest annual per capita incomes in the world at 212 rand (\$220).

Those who do not work in the mines either eke a living from subsistence farming or commute daily to the white industrial areas of the eastern Cape, a region known for the strength of its black trade unions.

More than 200 trade unionists in the region have been detained by South African or Ciskeian police in the past year.

Robert Wagner, daughters to share actress' millions

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 4 (Agencies) — The will of actress Natalie Wood, filed Thursday in superior court, leaves the bulk of an estate estimated in millions of dollars to her husband and daughters.

Her husband, actor Robert Wagner, who was also named executor, received all of her personal belongings, including cars and furnishings. The will set up a trust fund for Miss Wood's daughters, Natasha Gregson, 11, and Courtney Brooke Wagner, 7. Wagner was named trustee, as well. Wagner's daughter by a previous marriage, Katharine, 17, was given one-tenth of the assets.

A secretary for tax-probate attorney William Stinebart said the full value of the estate had not yet been determined. "Obviously, she's worth millions," said the secretary. Attorney Paul Ziffren will succeed Wagner as executor and trustee should anything happen to Wagner, Ziffren said Thursday.

"Mr. Wagner gets half the estate outright and will hold the other half in trust for the two children," Ziffren said. Miss Wood set aside a maximum \$12,000 per year for her mother, Maria Gurdin of Los Angeles, gave her sister Olga Viripaeff \$15,000 and another sister, Lana Wood, her furs and clothing. Art works are to be divided between Natasha and Courtney.

Ziffren was given a letter asking that Miss Wood's jewelry be distributed among friends whom she will not name. She also asked that if Wagner died before her daughters had grown, that they be kept together in the couple's Beverly Hills home under the guardianship of Willie Mays Worthen, her housekeeper.

However, the actress also asked that her ex-husband, Richard Gregson, be given custody of Natasha if he requests it. "The best interests of my daughter Natasha would be served if (Wagner) were appointed guardian," he will said. "My husband has assured me. He would cooperate with Natasha's father in the same manner that I would cooperate with him."

The Los Angeles assistant coroner Richard Wilson said Thursday night that all available evidence showed that Miss Wood died by accidental drowning. "Unless any additional information is received, the case of Miss Wood is closed," he said in a telephone interview.

Dr. Wilson said Miss Wood's body contained minor amounts of the pain-killing drug darvon, a sea-sickness medicine and caffeine but in insignificant amounts as far as her death was concerned.

The coroner, Dr. Thomas Noguchi, said earlier the 43-year-old actress had been slightly intoxicated when she apparently slipped and drowned last Sunday morning while trying to board a dinghy from the family yacht, *Splendor*, moored off Catalina Island, south of here.

Meanwhile, the status of Miss Wood's uncompleted last movie, *Brainstorm*, was still uncertain Thursday but an insurance consortium said it expected to be given an insurance claim for the movie. The production of the movie has been suspended. An MGM official said Wednesday that two "crucial" scenes involving Miss Wood had not been filmed.

Lloyds of London Thursday reported it had been advised by MGM that an insurance claim would be filed for *Brainstorm*. A consortium of insurance companies, led by Lloyds and including California-based Pacific Indemnity, had provided cast insurance for the movie, which reportedly was budgeted at \$12 million.

U.S. compensation paid to Japanese crewmen

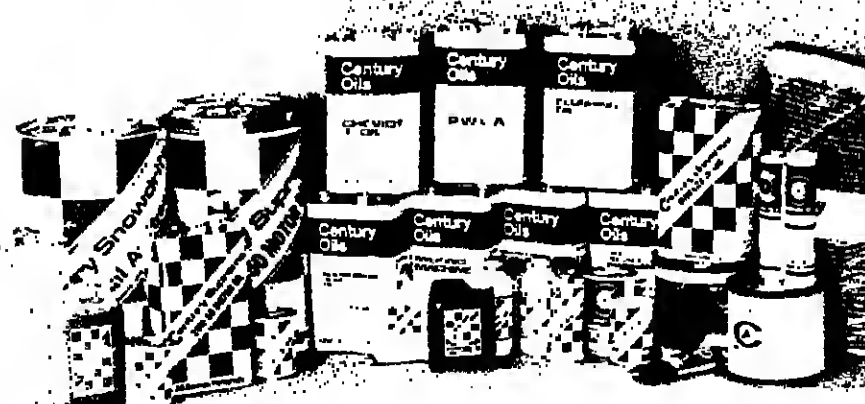
OSAKA, Japan, Dec. 4 (AFP) — The United States Navy Friday paid between 5.8 million and 6.7 million yen (\$25,200 and \$29,000) to each of 13 surviving crew members of a Japanese freighter which sank last April in the East China Sea, after it was hit by a U.S. submarine that failed to stop to aid survivors.

Fifteen other crew members of the 2,350-ton *Nissho Maru*, including the captain and first mate, were killed after the nuclear-powered submarine *George Washington* collided with it.

The U.S. Navy, which has apologized for the incident, paid 255 million yen (\$1.1 million) in an out-of-court settlement last September with the insurer and representatives of the victims' families.

The Navy has accepted full responsibility for the collision and subsequent failure to aid the ship.

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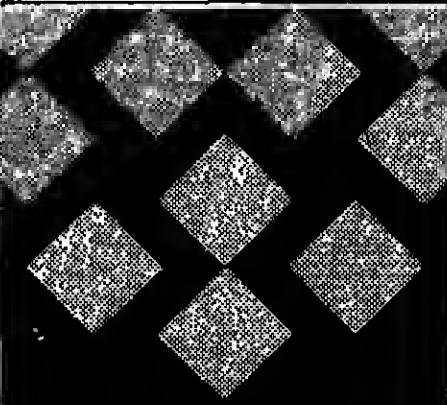
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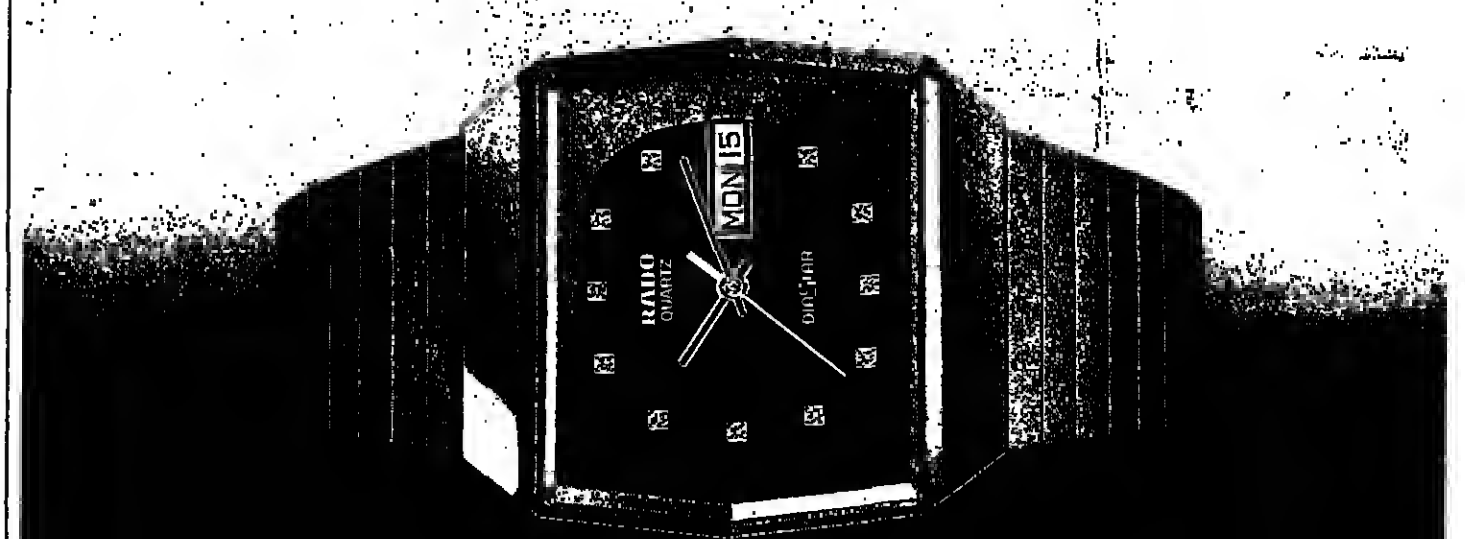
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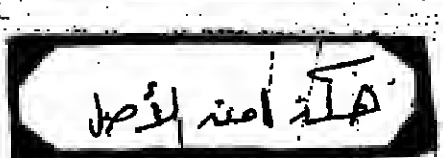
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Links with Czechs

U.K. denies granting ex-envoy immunity

LONDON, Dec. 4 (AP) — A former British diplomat who has admitted having contacts with Czechoslovak intelligence while stationed in Prague more than 20 years ago was never offered immunity from prosecution in exchange for a confession, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said Thursday.

Answering a question in the House of Commons about the recent admission by 63-year-old Edward Scott that he had illegal links with Communist agents, Mrs. Thatcher

Floods claim 43 Brazilians

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Dec. 4 (AP) — At least 43 persons have died and another 700 have been left homeless after flooding and mudslides caused by torrential rains in the Rio area, according to state fire department officials here Thursday.

Hardest hit were the mountain resort cities of Petropolis and Teocopolis, officials said, which accounted for the majority of the victims. The two cities have been cut off from Rio by mudslides, and authorities fear more victims may be found when rescue teams can reach more isolated areas.

In Rio, three deaths were reported after rivers overflowed and some hillside slum shacks fell down.

Major highways leading to and from this city were blocked by mudslides.

said there was "no question" of Scott being offered "any inducement" to confess that he had breached Britain's Official Secrets Act.

The ex-envoy publicly admitted on Sunday that to help get his Czechoslovak housemaid, to safe haven in the West, he approached her employer, a bureau that he knew was a front for Czechoslovak intelligence. But Scott denied he spied for Prague and said his allegiance was "never to a foreign power".

His disclosures at a London news conference were the latest in a string of revelations about Communist infiltration into the British intelligence service that began with the exposure of former royal art adviser Anthony Blunt in 1979 as a recruiter of spies for the Soviet Union.

Blunt was offered immunity when he confessed in 1963, and former spy Leo Long, another member of Blunt's ring, says he was led to believe by interrogators that he, too, would never be prosecuted. The disclosures have led to charges of an official cover-up, charges denied by Mrs. Thatcher.

Alan Beith, a Liberal Party member of parliament, Thursday demanded a statement from her on the Scott affair. Scott, who was Britain's No. 2 man in Prague from 1956 to 1958, gave up his career in 1961 after he was interrogated about the incident.

The Prime Minister assured lawmakers in a written reply that Scott had been reprimanded for the incident and was retired by the Foreign Office in 1961 on grounds that he "lacked the qualities required for further promotion in the service".

Mexican official steals \$2m

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 4 (AP) — The head of Mexico's state-run National Telegraphs Agency was arrested Thursday on charges of having stolen about \$2 million.

News reports quoted an official at the federal prosecutor's office as saying the director of National Telegraphs, Oscar Orrantia, admitted stealing the money for "campaign funds" he needed to run for governor in the northwestern Sinaloa state.

Javier Coello Trejo of the federal prosecutor's office said Orrantia defrauded

National Telegraphs of an estimated \$2 million by authorizing payments out of the agency's fund to non-existent companies.

Coello Trejo said bills from several phony companies were sent to National Telegraphs' offices in the capital from a clandestine printing press Orrantia owned.

He said whenever Orrantia needed cash all he had to do was authorize payment of the bills and then collect on them in the name of one of several phantom companies he had created.

SDP captures first borough

LONDON, Dec. 4 (AP) — Britain's eight-month-old Social Democratic Party gained control of its first local government authority Thursday after the defection of three Labor Party councilors in the northeast London borough of Islington.

The defections brought to 26 the number of SDP representatives. The three SDP recruits would not have been re-selected by dissatisfied Labor backers in their wards next year.

The SDP candidate, Mrs. Shirley Williams, won the England district of Crosby on Nov. 26. Running on a centrist alliance ticket on

behalf of the SDP and the small Liberal Party, she reversed a previous 19,000-vote Conservative Party majority in a major upset.

Opinion polls show the alliance would win a general election, although Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher does not have to call one until May 1984. The SDP has 25 members in the House of Commons — Mrs. Williams, 23 Labor Party defectors and one Conservative defector.

Two of the three members of parliament from the Islington area have defected from Labor to the SDP and the third quit Labor and is now an independent.

Soviets ready to discuss Far East disarmament

TOKYO, Dec. 4 (AP) — The Soviet Union is ready to negotiate with the United States and China on the deployment of theater nuclear weapons in the Far East, a Soviet authority on U.S.-Soviet relations told a major daily Thursday.

In an interview with the *Asahi Shimbun*, Giorgi Arbatov, the head of Moscow's Research Institute on the United States and Canada, said the Soviet Union assured Japan that the USSR would not mount a nuclear attack if Japan "truly adheres" to its three-point non-nuclear principles.

The non-nuclear policy, formulated in 1968, bans the introduction, production or possession of nuclear arms in Japan.

Arbatov, who is also a representative of the Supreme Soviet and a member of the central committee of the Communist Party, is believed to be the diplomatic mentor for Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev.

The Soviet official, speaking for the Kremlin, called for the participation of China in negotiations that would limit theater nuclear arms in the Far East, the daily said.

He referred to Brezhnev's speech in the 26th congress of the Communist Party in February that there is a "growing need for

military confidence-measures in the Far East" and indicated that the initiative to start negotiations should come from the United States, the daily said.

"The ball is in their court," he was quoted as saying. He added that China should participate in all negotiations dealing with detente or disarmament, since the issue at stake is nuclear war, which is a global issue, according to the daily.

Canada rejects Soviet ski trek

OTTAWA, Dec. 4 (AFP) — A proposal for a joint Soviet-Canadian ski trek across the North Pole has been rejected by the Canadian External Affairs Ministry. A ministry spokesman said the plan, received last October from Soviet physicist Dimitri Shiparo, "does not correspond to Canada's objectives."

The idea was for five cross-country skiers from each country to go from Severnaya Zemlya in the Soviet Union to Ellesmere Island in Canada, a distance of 1,800 kms.

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With recession in West

Subroto rules out price jump

JAKARTA, Dec. 4 (R) — OPEC's president, oil minister Subroto of Indonesia, has said future oil price rise would be moderate so that Western economies could grow and Third World importers would be spared too heavy a burden.

Dr. Subroto spoke to Reuters Thursday before leaving for Abu Dhabi where a ministers' meeting of OPEC (the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) will discuss a long-term strategy to regulate prices after a current freeze ends in December 1982.

Reviewing his term as OPEC president, which ends this month, Dr. Subroto said the group had managed to stay intact despite of a war between founder members Iran and Iraq and had realigned prices on a single base, of \$34 a barrel, after two years of pricing free-for-all.

But a long-term strategy has so far eluded it, although Dr. Subroto said the present economic climate had led to a sense of realism that augured well for accord in 1982.

Recession and oil conservation have sent world demand for OPEC oil falling.

"We must be more realistic in recognizing that the world economy in 1980s will grow more slowly", Dr. Subroto said, adding that OPEC should accept that doubling and trebling of oil prices was unlikely to recur.

Dr. Subroto said pricing would have to take demand into account and that, in his view, long-term formula should permit prices to remain within a certain band, but with a floor through which they would not be allowed to sink.

This would be more flexible than an original pricing formula for the 1980s which envisaged real oil prices inevitably driven up by two to three percent a year indexed to Western economic growth and inflation.

The architect of that formula, Ahmed Zaki Yamani, says it is no longer applicable, although there are differences within OPEC on precisely what should replace it.

Dr. Subroto said a new formula should meet the requirements. It should enable exporters to earn enough to restructure and modernize their economies and should not impose too heavy a burden on the Third World oil importers and it should enable the industrialized economies to grow substantially.

He said next week's Abu Dhabi meeting would bear a progress report from a long-term strategy committee, but that the committee was not yet ready with final recommendations.

The Indonesia minister said that if OPEC could agree on its own long term goals it would be easier for it to play a role in a North-South dialogue on Third World development.

It had a better aid record than the West, if aid was measured in terms of a percentage of gross national product and it wanted to do more.

BP profits decline to \$392 million

LONDON, Dec. 4 (R) — British Petroleum (BP), one of the world's top seven oil multinationals, reported a slight drop in profits for the July-September quarter of 1981. The group, with crude oil interests in the North Sea and Alaska and substantial European refining and sales operations, said net income after taxes for the quarter was 203 million sterling (\$392 million). That compared with 209 million sterling (\$403 million) in the third quarter of 1980.

The stock market had expected BP to do better, especially after the Royal Dutch/Shell group, the other European-based oil major, reported an appreciable rise in third quarter profits on Nov. 19. BP shares fell 16 pence to 322 pence Thursday.

But several stockbroker analysts said the figures masked an underlying improvement in BP's recession-battered 'downstream' refining and marketing business where the group seemed close to breaking even after losing money heavily earlier this year. The value of BP's oil stocks, however, rose far less during the three months to the end of September than in earlier quarters, and this helped hold down the final figure for net income.

32m own shares in U.S. firms

BOCA RATON, Florida, Dec. 4 (R) — More than 32 million Americans, or 14.4 percent of the population, now own shares in U.S. companies, the chairman of the New York stock exchange has said.

"One of the most impressive facts to emerge... is that there is now a shareowner in one out of every four U.S. households, compared with one out of five a year ago," William Zatten Thursday told the annual convention of the Securities Industry Association.

Treasury Secretary Donald Regan also told the convention that stimulation for small investor interest in stock ownership was a major aim of Reagan administration proposals to open up competition among firms providing financial services.

The government sought to remove "artificial barriers between commercial banking and investment banking," Regan told the meeting. It was already heartening, he said, "to witness the rekindling of small investor interest in stock ownership." This trend should be broadened and strengthened.

Regan said legislation had been carefully devised to open up competition among the providers of financial services, "competition that will produce more innovative services and greater benefits for consumers without jeopardising the safety of depositors' funds or the federal insurance funds."

Lasting 6 years

World wheat talks fail

LONDON, Dec. 4 (AP) — Negotiations by the International Wheat Council to secure a new world wheat pact broke down Thursday after dragging on for six years.

The talks were aimed at securing a new international wheat agreement to replace the present, which has been extended several times and now is scheduled to expire June 30, 1983.

After trying for five years to negotiate a rigid pact based on the experience of other bilateral producer-consumer agreements, a new, more flexible draft, called the "alternative proposal," was worked out and debated.

This called for nationally held reserve stocks to be internationally co-ordinated and controlled, and it included a pledge to help the developing nations build up and warehouse their share in this stockpile. It would have been built up in times of surplus and released according to needs in times of poor wheat crops.

These operations would have been controlled either by the IWC or a special international agency. These controls were opposed by the major wheat producing countries. They said they wanted to be their own masters in disposing of wheat stocks, conference sources said after the talks had broken down.

A council statement said: "After reviewing the executive secretary's report, and in the absence of a consensus, the council reg-

nized that these proposals were not negotiable. Members expressed their deep disappointment that, after so many years of efforts, the council had not yet found it possible to develop an agreement acceptable to both exporters and importers."

The United States was particularly opposed to international controls after its experience during President Carter's embargo on grain shipments to the Soviet Union, a source close to the talks, who asked not to be identified, said.

The United States delegation was of the opinion that wheat, unlike other commodities, is the one most difficult to control and on which it was almost impossible to get a general consensus, the source said.

The Americans recalled, with some bitterness, that while some grain producing nations adhered to the U.S. embargo, others did not, resulting in the Soviet Union getting all the grain it needed, the informant said.

Despite the breakdown in talks, the council said it will resume the search for a new pact at a future date. "There will have to be consultations among the parties before we start talking again," IWC Executive Secretary Jean H. Parotte of Belgium told reporters after the meeting. He underlined that any new wheat pact would have to provide for maintenance of adequate stocks, fair prices for farmers and adequate availability for needy nations.

EEC OKs industrial safety rules

BRUSSELS, Dec. 4 (AP) — The European Common Market has approved rules designed to minimize the dangers of industrial disasters like the one that killed thousands of farm animals in Seveso, Italy, recently.

Environmental ministers from the ten EEC countries approved a directive requiring owners of chemical factories and other users of potentially hazardous substances to make detailed disaster plans in advance. They will have to inform neighboring people and factory workers about potential harm and get government approval for work with dangerous substances.

The ministers rejected a common market commission proposal to establish a system of mandatory disaster consultations between member countries. Belgium and the Netherlands, small countries bordering on several common market neighbors, had wanted such consultations, but France rejected them in favor of an involuntary system.

The rules do not apply to nuclear installations which are covered by another set of regulations. "Of course it's realistic to think that the risks will be totally eliminated," the ministers said in a statement. "But the dangers of such accidents will be reduced."

In spite of the technological developments in recent years, the risks of accident, carrying grave consequences, including death, involving large numbers of people and contaminat-

ing vast zones of territory are very critical," the ministers said.

The ministers said pressure for the new rules stemmed from four serious environmental accidents involving chemicals between 1974 and 1976. In Seveso, Italy, in 1976, accidental release of the chemical dioxin from a factory killed thousands of animals and sickened more than 5,000 people within two square kilometers of the factory. Long-term effects of the accident are still unknown, the ministers said.

In Flixborough, Britain, accidental release of cyclohexane gas in 1974 touched off a fire that killed 28 people, injured 89 and caused \$100 million damage.

Seoul to diversify cotton imports

SEOUL, Dec. 4 (AP) — In a bid to cut its reliance on the United States, South Korea plans to buy more raw cotton from non-U.S. sources such as Pakistan, Mexico and Egypt in 1982, commerce and industry ministry officials said Friday.

The officials said the plan was outlined in a set of newly-formulated ministry measures aimed at diversifying the source of supply which, in turn, would ensure a steady supply of the raw material at prices and other conditions favorable to Korea.

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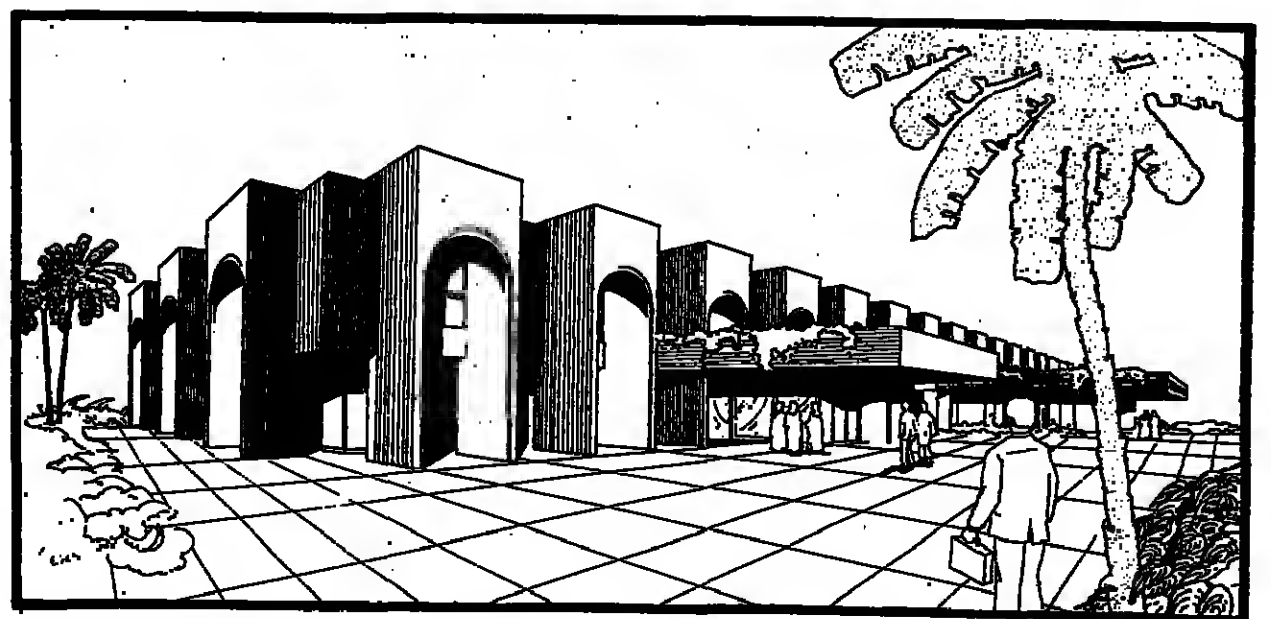
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Senate votes to halt auctioning of silver

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (R) — The U.S. Senate has voted to stop sales of silver from the country's military stockpile which have been denounced by silver-producing nations such as Peru and Mexico.

The vote Thursday caused active buying in New York and silver rose to 8.87 an ounce for metal delivered in March, compared with \$8.52 earlier in the day.

The Peruvian Embassy said in a statement that silver prices had plummeted to unprofitable levels because of the U.S. auctions, damaging the economies of developing countries producing the metal.

The Senate approved an amendment to the defense appropriations bill opposing the sales. It was moved by Senator James McClure of Idaho, the biggest silver-

producing U.S. state.

The amendment required the government to send to Congress by July a study on the need for the sales and alternative ways of selling the metal, such as in coins or as a silver-backed debenture.

McClure was optimistic the House of Representatives would agree to a similar amendment when the bill is considered by a joint committee from the Senate and the house.

After the vote, McClure, other members of the Idaho congressional delegation, and representatives of Peru and Mexico held a news conference to denounce the silver sales, which began in October. In a letter to President Reagan, the Idaho congressional delegation asked that the auctions be halted immediately because of depressed prices.

Libya ups interests in Italy

ROME, Dec. 4 (AFP) — Libya used to be Italy's North African colony. Now Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi has a policy of systematically investing in Italy.

The policy has been confirmed with an announcement that talks have been set for the Libyan Arab Investment Company to acquire the big Italian group Maraldi, which covers steelmaking and sugar. The bargaining price is around 450 million.

Libya already 9.1 percent of the Fiat group and a year from now expects to own 13.4 percent. Officially, Libya's investments in this country amount to some \$350 million.

but this figure is widely regarded as far too low.

Libya's penetration into Italy, which is political and ideological as well as economic, started in the mid-1970s with its purchase of a hill on the tiny island of Pantelleria, Italy's southernmost territory.

In 1975, it acquired several hotels on the island as well as plots of land. It modernized an airport there to accommodate large civilian and military planes.

In Sicily, Libya has interests in farming, property (particularly luxury hotels at Palermo, Catania and Syracuse) and fishing. One-tenth of the fishing fleet at Mazzara Del Vallo, Sicily's leading fishing port, is Libyan.

U.S., German jobless hit new high

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (R) — The number of unemployed in the United States soared to nine million in November to reach its highest level in more than six years, the government said Friday.

In West Germany, unemployment figures published Friday showed that the number of jobless had risen to its highest level for 20 years. Official figures placed the number of Germans jobless at 1.49 million in November compared with 1.39 million a month earlier. This means the rate has risen from 5.9 to 6.4 percent.

The unemployment rate in U.S. increased by four-tenths of a point from the previous month to 8.4 percent as the American economy plunged deeper into recession, according to data released by the Labor Department.

The number of Americans without jobs has climbed by 1.5 million since July, providing solid evidence that the current recession has not leveled off. Merchants have reported pre-Christmas sales down from last year and administration officials have predicted that an economic upturn is unlikely before next spring.

Facing trade friction Slow growth worries Japan

TOKYO, Dec. 4 (R) — Japanese economic ministers meet here next week to find ways to head off international trade friction and boost the sagging domestic economy after official figures released Friday showed alarmingly slow growth.

The report was made public as officials expressed fears that Japan is less able to rely on exports, the driving force behind its strong economic performance for years, to keep its economy buoyant.

According to the economic planning agency, Japan's gross national product (GNP), the major indicator of a nation's overall economic performance, rose only 0.6 percent in the July to September period over the previous quarter.

Government officials said that as a result, GNP for this financial year ending next March, forecast in October to reach 4.7 percent, would now probably be only four percent after adjustment for inflation. The Japanese economy has been plagued by declining personal spending and other factors such as a sharp fall in house building that have affected a wide range of industries.

The most likely short-term step the government can take is a cut in the official discount rate by around one percent from the present 6.25 percent. This is expected to stimulate the economy by encouraging capital investment by Japanese companies, a major factor in determining how well Japan's economy performs in coming months.

The Tokyo stock market got a lift Friday on prospects that this key interest rate would be lowered, with the market average rising 91.15 points to 7,716.13.

The GNP statistics Friday showed that nearly all the growth recorded came from exports. Officials noted that this boom was unlikely to continue forever as the Japanese yen gains in value making exports less competitive. Stagnant Western economies and the overhanging threat of trade protectionism should begin to diminish the effect of

overseas markets on Japan's overall economic growth.

This year Japan is expected to record its highest-ever trade surplus of about \$23 billion with much of its coming from trade with the United States and the European Economic Community.

Those countries in particular, with their current economic difficulties and high unemployment, have demanded that Japan puts the brake on exports and imports more from them.

Any measures to boost the domestic economy could help the trade problem by increasing Japanese purchases overseas. Western countries are looking for wide-ranging and concrete measures by the Japanese government to make Japan a far more accessible market.

This means cutting tariffs, reducing other trade barriers and simplifying import procedures which are among major points to be discussed at next week's trade talks between U.S. and Japanese officials.

Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki has already said he will try soon to advance by two years import tariff reductions that had been originally agreed for 1983/84.

Dollar loses ground; gold records gains

LONDON, Dec. 4 (AP) — A drop in the U.S. discount rate, a key indicator of future trends in interest rates, pushed the American dollar lower against all key foreign currencies in trading here Friday.

The dollar's retreat came after the Federal Reserve Board lowered its discount rate from 13 to 12 percent Thursday night.

In Tokyo, the dollar declined against the Japanese yen. The U.S. currency closed at 215.80 yen, down from Thursday's 216.00 yen finish. Despite a lowering of interest rates by major British clearing banks Thursday, the pound edged up to \$1.9505 from Thursday's \$1.9345.

Gold bullion, meanwhile, rose amid the market's perception of rising tension in the Mideast and Poland. London's five major bullion dealers recommended a morning fixing price of \$423.50 a troy ounce, a gain of \$7 from Thursday's \$416.50. In Zurich, gold traded at \$422.50 an ounce, up \$5 from \$417.50 late Thursday.

China offers EEC uranium

BRUSSELS, Dec. 4 (R) — China has offered to sell uranium to the European Economic Community (EEC), as long as it is used for peaceful purposes, senior EEC officials said Friday.

The offer, a reflection of the community's growing links with China, was made during a visit of European geologists to Peking earlier this year. It was repeated at the meeting last month of the EEC-China joint trade commission in Peking and is being studied by EEC governments. If they agree, more talks on the proposal and other aspects of cooperation in atomic energy are likely when Chinese experts visit the EEC commission next spring, the officials said. But they emphasized that contacts are at a tentative stage.

China has not indicated how much uranium it might be willing to supply, nor at what price. European governments have yet to examine the political and safety aspects of

such a deal, the officials said.

"There is no precipitate haste on this on either side," an EEC commission official said. The initiative to open talks on cooperation covering the exploration, mining, processing and sale of nuclear fuel came from Peking.

China, regarded as potentially one of the major uranium producers, wants help to find and extract reserves for its nuclear power station program. The geologists who visited China last April believe that the geological structures favored significant new discoveries, the officials said.

BRIEFS

KUALA LUMPUR, (AP) — Malaysia hopes to obtain Kuwaiti participation in construction of an oil refinery in Malacca, 90 miles (144 km) South of here, Finance Minister Sengku Razaleigh Hamzah said Friday. He told a press conference that he plans to discuss specifics during a three-day visit to Kuwait starting Monday.

MANILA, (AP) — The Asian Development Bank (ADB) announced Thursday the grant of three loans totaling \$59.5 million to Malaysia, Burma and Bangladesh. ADB said \$30 million will go to Malaysia, to \$18.5 million to Burma and the remainder to Bangladesh.

LISBON, (AFP) — The North American mining company Anaconda is in talks with the Portuguese authorities on setting up a \$1,500 million plant for processing copper concentrate. This would be the largest single foreign investment in Portugal. The plant would process 250,000 tons of copper concentrate per annum. The copper would come from Anaconda's mines in the United States and Chile as well as Portuguese mines currently being opened up.

Spadolini wins confidence vote

ROME, Dec. 4 (AP) — Premier Giovanni Spadolini's five-month-old coalition government won a vote of confidence in the Chamber of Deputies Thursday.

The premier, in an effort to hold public spending in check, had requested the vote to defeat a move sponsored by the radical party for an immediate doubling of food aid to poor nations.

The vote in the chamber was 338-233 with one abstention. More than 30 members from government parties opposed the government motion. Among the defectors were former Christian Democrat premier Giulio Andreotti and the Secretary of the Social Democrats, Pietro Longo. Spadolini had asked for the roll-call vote to keep deputies from the coalition partners in line after a number of them indicated they would defect in a secret ballot.

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Tripoli to raise oil output by 33%

LONDON, Dec. 4 (AFP) — Libya is to raise its oil production by a third (by 33 percent) following improved sales due to tax concessions recently granted to oil companies, the *Financial Times* paper reported here Friday.

Libya's oil output fell from 1.6 million barrels a day in April to 600,000 in October, and is now to rise to nearly 900,000 barrels a day.

The tax concessions, equivalent to a price cut of between 80 cents and one dollar a barrel, have made Libya's oil more competitive although Tripoli's official price of \$37.5 a barrel is one dollar above the price charged by Nigeria.

The *Financial Times* added that the recent reduction of Libya's oil earnings has resulted in delays in payments to companies supplying Libya and to firms operating in the country. Libya's oil income is likely to total only between \$14 billion and \$16 billion this year compared with \$24 billion in 1980, the paper said.

Reagan partymen agree on \$4b cut

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (R) — Republican leaders in Congress and White House officials agreed Thursday night on plans to cut about \$4 billion from domestic spending programs in the U.S. budget for the current year.

The proposed cuts would be part of President Reagan's overall economic strategy aimed at reducing the size of government spending and holding down the budget deficit.

Details of the cuts were not disclosed, but Bob Michel, Republican leader in the House of Representatives, told reporters they were real cuts and not budget-juggling.

Court rejects Mobil's appeal

CINCINNATI, Dec. 4 (R) — The Mobil Corporation suffered a severe setback in its attempt to acquire the Marathon Oil Company Thursday when a Federal appeals court refused to lift a temporary injunction barring the takeover.

Mobil, the second largest U.S. oil company, has been battling the United States Steel Corporation for control of Marathon in what would be the second biggest takeover in U.S. corporate history.

Mobil's \$6.5 billion takeover bid for Marathon was temporarily banned by a lower court on Monday pending settlement of an anti-monopoly suit brought against it by Marathon. The management of Marathon, the 17th ranking U.S. oil company, favors U.S. Steel's rival \$6.3 billion bid, partly because it would be able to keep its present headquarters in Findlay, Ohio, where it is the largest employer.

Rejecting Mobil's request to lift the ban, the sixth U.S. circuit court of appeals in Cincinnati said Thursday that it would not hear Mobil's appeal against the injunction until sometime in mid-December.

Mobil had sought an earlier hearing to prevent U.S. Steel gaining a strategic advantage in the takeover battle. Under current deadlines, Marathon stockholders who have tendered shares to Mobil have until midnight Friday to switch their shares to U.S. Steel in order to receive the \$125 a share cash portion of U.S. Steel's offer. Shares tendered later would be exchanged for U.S. Steel notes with an estimated value of \$86.

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Bruno Giacomelli drives to glory

DUBAI, Dec. 4 (AP) — Italian Bruno Giacomelli piloted his Citroen around the 1.5-mile (2.6-kilometer) Seafont Track Friday to win the first of five races in the Gulf's Premier International Automobile race.

The 29-year-old driver covered the course, part of which included the city's corniche, in 16 minutes and 38 seconds, beating second-place Marc Surer of Switzerland and third-place finisher David Kennedy of Ireland. The race was for Citroen CX cars, which are beefed-up versions of the popular French-made automobile. Fourth place went to Scotsman Innes Ireland.

The races were held as part of the celebrations marking the 10th anniversary of the founding of the United Arab Emirates. For-

merly Trucial States, set on the southern shores of the Gulf.

Billed by its British sponsors as a "Grand Prix," there were no Formula One cars competing. A few Formula Ones, which are the world's most powerfully maneuverable competition cars, were scheduled to make demonstration runs.

The Petroleum Aston Martin Championship, was won by Mike Salmon, of Jersey, who covered the 10 laps in 15 minutes 00.78 seconds, using "Historic Cars." He was awarded the Dubai International Hotel Trophy. Britain's Roy Salvadoro came second.

Three Britons won the other 10 laps events. Tom Walkinshaw, in a Mazda, claimed the Hilton International Hotel Trophy for the British Saloon Car Championship.

ship, while Jerry Marshall won the Marlboro Cup Super Sports Cars event. Capt. Alan Skennerton clinched the A.W. Galadari Trophy in 17 minutes and 03.12 seconds.

An estimated 20,000 spectators cheered the three British, one Italian and one Jersey champions who won the first Grand Prix Motor race. Top international drivers participated, including Britain's John Watson, a Marlboro World Championships team driver, along with eight other world champions and 13 others who figured in previous Formula One circuits.

The spectators jumped in horror during the fourth race, the Marlboro Cup Super Sports Cars, when a Porsche car caught fire on the track. But they were reassured when an announcer said that no injuries occurred.

David Cross doubtful starter

Leaders United should have it tough

LONDON, Dec. 4 (AP) — Arsenal defends an unbeaten run of eight matches in a London Derby English Division One soccer match at West Ham Saturday.

Terry Neill's team has scored only nine times in 15 league outings but is in eighth spot in the 22-team First Division. Arsenal has won seven and drawn one of its last eight outings.

The best performances have been reserved for away matches and Arsenal has been victorious at Aston Villa and Nottingham Forest in its last two outings away from Highbury. Arsenal defeated Everton 1-0 in dull game Saturday and then struggled to a four goalless draw with Liverpool in a midweek League Cup match. Both games were at Highbury.

Neill is unable to put his finger on the reason for the disparity in home and away form. "Away from home we seem capable," he said. "At Highbury maybe we fall into the trap of thinking it is easy after a few minutes. There is still a lot of work to be done."

West Ham, which defeated Arsenal in the 1979 Cup final, is two spots ahead of its local rival in the league standings despite a recent loss of form. The Hammers lost 1-0 at home to West Bromwich Tuesday and manager John Lyall was given serious problems by a knee injury suffered by 11-goal leading scorer David Cross.

Cross will undergo a fitness test before the match and Stuart Peason, one of the heroes of West Ham's Cup final win, is standing by if he falls the test. Former England international Peason, 32, has played only two full first team matches in 19 months and currently is on the transfer list.

Arsenal could give former Burnley and Leeds United striker Ray Hankin, their recent signing from Vancouver Whitecaps, a full game for the first time. Hankin came on a substitute in midweek.

Manchester United, the current First Divi-

sion leader, faces a tough assignment Saturday away to fifth placed Southampton. United hasn't won at the Dell in three seasons since gaining promotion and Southampton has won six of its seven home league matches. Manchester United's England midfielder star Bryan Robson feels his teammates will need to be at their best to collect full points.

"People may call Southampton 'Dad's Army' but their experienced players are playing well and they are nicely placed just behind the clubs at the top of the league. With Kevin Keegan on top form it won't be easy for us," said Robson.

Second-placed Swansea are away to an Everton team that has won only one of its last six matches. Swansea's away form has been poor recently and the Welsh club would settle happily for a draw.

Ipswich, pre-season favorite to win the championship, is away to struggling Middlesbrough Saturday while Tottenham entertain Coventry City. Tottenham won last season's corresponding fixture 4-1 and Scottish striker Steve Archibald found the net twice. "One

goal will do me this time, just as long as Tottenham give a sparkling performance," said Archibald.

Current European Cup holders Liverpool, beaten at home by Southampton last weekend, are away to great rivals Nottingham Forest. Brighton will be without suspended midfielder Jimmy Case at home to bottom club Sunderland, while Leeds will be looking to end a sequence of five successive away defeats at Stoke.

West Bromwich, heartened by its midweek success at West Ham, entertains Wolverhampton Wanderers, which has won one and drawn two of its last three outings. Manchester City face last season's champion Aston Villa, in the other First Division fixture.

Stellwag stages rally

VAXJOE, Sweden, Dec. 4 (AP) — West German Peter Stellwag rallied from the first two games' losses to oust Indian V. Chandrasekar 18-21, 19-21, 21-9, 21-14, 21-15 in the men's singles first round of the Scandinavian Table Tennis International Friday.

Preston manager sacked

LONDON, Dec. 4 (AP) — Tommy Docherty, arguably the most controversial manager in the history of British Soccer, was sacked by Third Division Preston North End Thursday night after less than six months in charge of the club.

Docherty, a fast-talking Scot joined Preston June 22 after a spell with the Australian team, Sydney Olympic. He stayed with Preston, a team with a strong soccer tradition but little success in recent years, for just 17 league matches, securing only three victories.

Although Docherty expressed high hopes of taking the team into the Second Division when he took over, Preston is now third

bottom in the standings.

In a terse statement, the club said: "The board has decided to terminate the contract of manager Tommy Docherty". His assistant, Alan Kelly, will take temporary charge of the team.

Docherty's chequered managerial career began in 1962 and has seen him in charge of nine clubs, including Manchester United, Aston Villa and the Portuguese side, Porto. He has also managed the Scottish national team.

His spell with United — arguably the most successful in his career — came to an end in July, 1977 after he had taken the team to two English Cup finals in five years.

Giant-killer Barnsley pleased with draw

LONDON, Dec. 4 (AP) — League Cup giant-killer Barnsley paired to meet either Arsenal or trophy-holder Liverpool when the draw for the quarterfinals of the competition was made Thursday.

The Second Division team, which eliminated three First Division sides from this year's League Cup — the latest being Manchester City Wednesday night — was delighted with the draw and unmoved at conceding home advantage.

"We have got to go into the lion's den sometime and it might as well be now," said Barnsley assistant manager Norman Rimington. "It will be a great lesson for us one

way or another. We are all excited at the prospect."

Liverpool and Arsenal must replay at Anfield to decide which of them will play host to Norman Hunter's team. Watford, the only other team from outside the First Division definitely through to the last eight, has reached the quarterfinals stage for the third time in four years but will do well to progress any further.

Currently placed second in the Second Division, the London team was drawn away to either Everton or Ipswich town, who meet next week in a delayed fourth round match. "If we go up (to the First Division), we will have to play the likes of Everton and Ipswich

every week," said Watford manager Graham Taylor.

If West Bromwich can overcome Second Division Crystal Palace in another delayed fourth round match, they will travel to Villa Park for an attractive-looking midlands "Derby" against league champions Aston Villa.

The last pairing brings together Tottenham Hotspur and Nottingham Forest, two of the favorites to win the trophy, at Whitehart Lane. Spurs have already defeated Forest 3-0 in the league this season and manager Bupkinshaw said he was "delighted" with the draw.



ALL SMILES: Bruno Giacomelli, who won the first event in the Dubai international Automobile race Friday.

Sounders begin on victory note

SEATTLE, Washington, Dec. 4 (AP) — Frank Barton, Roger Davies and Roy Grieves each scored a goal as the Seattle Sounders defeated the Portland Timers 5-3 in the opening game of the North American Soccer League season at the Seattle Kingdom Thursday night.

Barton made coach Alan Hinton a winner in the final period when he rocketed a shot past goalkeeper Keith McKrak. Alan Hudson had two assists for the Sounders.

Seattle has a 1-0 lead at halftime and Davies made it 2-0 at the end of three periods. Seattle goalkeeper Paul Hammond held the Timbers scoreless until the final period when Peter Anderson scored to make it 2-1. Jeung Cho assisted on the final two Portland goals by Dale Mitchell and Stuart Lee to make it 5-3.

Meanwhile, Dutch football star Johan Cruyff, 34, signed a contract Thursday which will take him to the end of this season with Dutch football club Ajax Amsterdam. Cruyff, a former Dutch international, began his career at Ajax. He will play this Sunday for Ajax against F.C. Haarlem.

Cierpinski to take part in Fukuoka Marathon

TOKYO, Dec. 4 (AP) — Two-time Olympic gold medalist Waldemar Cierpinski of East Germany, will lead a record field of 177 Japanese and foreign runners in the 16th Fukuoka International Marathon Sunday.

Cierpinski, 31, winner of the 1976 and 1980 Olympic Marathons in Montreal and Moscow, will be running in the event for the fifth time. Last year he finished sixth, but his best placing is third in the 1976 competition.

Among other top contenders entered in the annual event are Garry Bjorklund of the United States, Vladimir Kotov of the Soviet Union, Robert de Castella of Australia, and the Japanese twin brothers, Shigeru and Takeshi Soh, and Kumimitsu Ito and Hideaki Kita, both of Japan.

The Japanese runners are tipped to win the 42.195-kilometer (26-mile) race along Hakata Bay in Fukuoka city, Southern Japan. In the past three years, Japanese have swept the top three places.

Other top foreign runners taking part include Sweden's Tommy Persson, the Netherlands' Cor Vrien, Poland's Zbigniew Pierzynka, Italy's Gianni Poli, Canada's Art Boileau, West Germany's Ralf Salzman, and Belgium's Julien Grimon. Nineteen other runners from ten countries also will be competing at their own expense.

They include England's David Chettle, Canada's Mike Dyon, Bill Britton and John Hill, Australia's Graeme Kennedy, Robert Wallace and Lawrence Whitty, New Zealand's Steve Denholm and Paul Ballinger, and Colombia's Carlos Godoy and Victor Moro Gracia.

The Fukuoka race ranks among one of the world's top marathon events. The world's best marathon time so far is 2:08.13 recorded by Alberto Salazar of the United States in October's New York City Marathon. Experts say that if runners pass the turning point within one hour and minutes in Sunday's race, Salazar's record may be bettered.

In Penney Golf Little, Bean shoot ahead

LARGO, Florida, Dec. 4 (AP) — Sally Little and Andy Bean fired 6-under-par 66 Thursday to take a one-stroke lead after the first round of the \$500,000 J.C. Penney Mixed Golf Classic at Bardmoor Country Club.

Mark O'Meara and Amy Alcott were second at 67, followed by six teams at 68 and a pack of seven at 69. Among those at 68 were the defending champions, Curtis Strange and Nancy Lopez-Melton.

Bean and Little, paired together for the third straight year, made six birdies. Only a few times did it look as though they might bogey on a course that played 7,015 yards for the men and 6,576 yards for the women.

The format for calls for partners to hit each other's drives, then select one ball to hole out on the par-4 and par-5 holes. It is selected drive, alternate shot on the par 3s. Bean chipped to within three feet on one occasion and, after little came out of a bunker to within 15 feet, he holed the putt.

Their longest putt on the front nine was 8 feet, but on the back, Bean sank putts of 18 feet for birdie and the 75-footer for par. Little knocked in putts for 25 and 10 feet for birds.

"Now that this is the third time we have

teamed together, I feel more relaxed," said Little. "I can play my own games finally." "The best I've ever played," the South African native said of her start. "I never got it together again. I lost my consistency."

Bean's dropoff was more dramatic. He cracked a bone and tore ligaments in his left hand when he struck the root of a three while hitting a three-iron shot during the Los Angeles Open. The hand was in a cast for two months and it was another 1 1/2 months before he could practice.

"It hurts so badly that my hands looked like they belonged to two different people," said Bean, a graduate of the University of Florida. "Right now, it doesn't bother me at all — a little stiff, but no problem. And I'm starting to hit some good shots, particularly the long irons."

"Here, I feel I'm prepared for the first time since the injury. I placed in the two-man team event a month ago over at Disney World, but I wasn't ready."

O'Meara didn't get here until late Tuesday and played the course for the first time Thursday. "I turned everything over to Amy," he said. "She's played here before and she's in charge. I'll do whatever she says."

Langer takes 1-stroke lead

MANILA, Philippines Dec. 4 (AP) — West Germany Bernhard Langer shot a two-over-par 73 Friday and grabbed a one-stroke lead after two rounds in the \$131,000 President Ferdinand Marcos Invitation Golf Tournament.

On a day of soaring scores, first-round leader Ho Ming-chung of Taiwan fired a 76 and shared second place at 144 with compatriot Chen Ize Ming, who shot a par-71 Friday. "I don't like the way I'm hitting my tee shots, and my putting is so-so," 24-year-old Langer, the youngest professional in the tournament, said after an erratic game on the windswept, 6,794-yard golf course in Puerto Zul, a beach resort outside Manila.

After missing a three-foot putt and a birdie on the first hole, Langer birdied the second

with a 10-foot putt but sent his tee shot into the water for a bogey on the sixth. He, however, eagled the 13th after hogeying and triple-bogeying the 11th and 12th holes, respectively.

Taiwanese Kuo Chie-hsiung fired a 73 for third place at 145, followed at 146 by Malaysian M. Ramayan, Filipino Eleuterio Nival, American Jim O'Hern and Taiwan's Liam Kuo Chih, who was the only player to break par with a 70 Friday.

Japanese Tsutomu Irie and Yasushi Take, Taiwanese Hsu Sheng-san and Lu Liang Huan and the Philippines' Mario Siodana were tied at 148. Defending champion Keith Fergus of the United States, who fired an opening round of 77, blasted himself out of contention in the 54-hole tournament with an 81.

Willis strikes early blows

HYDERABAD, India, Dec. 4 (AP) — India's South Zone was 247 for nine wickets at stumps Friday on the opening day of the three-day cricket match against England in this Southern Indian city.

Fast bowler Bob Willis, captaining his team in the Hyderabad match, troubled all the South Zone batsmen with his outswingers. After dismissing India Test opener Krishnamachari Srikant in the morning, the 32-year-old Warwickshire cricketer claimed three more wickets in the second session of play.

Srikant and V. Sivaramakrishnan opened the South Zone innings after captain Brijesh Patel won the toss. Srikant's wicket fell at the score of 42. Paul Allot trapped Sivaramakrishnan leg-before-wicket 35 runs later. At lunch, the South Zone team was 105 runs for two wickets. Willis wrecked the South Zone innings after the lunch break to send the score reeling to 169 for six wickets at tea.

All-rounder M.V. Narasimha Rao was unbeaten with an elegant knock of 51 runs. Rao added 48 runs with India's Test spinner



Bob Willis, deadly spell

Shivlal Yadav for the eighth-wicket and then partnered Meher Baba in a 48-run ninth-wicket stand.

Willis took four wickets for 35 runs. John Lever claimed two wickets for 83 runs. While spinner John Emburey bagged two for 38.

Irene snatches first ski title

VAL D'ISERE, France, Dec. 4 (AP) — Germany's 24-year-old veteran Irene Epple decisively won the Giant Slalom race of the World Cup Ski Meet, beating all her rivals in each of the two heats. Switzerland's Erika Hess came from behind to take second place in the overall standings as 0.33 seconds behind Epple.

Tamara McKinney, 19, of Olympic Valley, Calif., who placed second behind Epple in the first heat, stumbled in the lower part of her second run and finished in third place, more than a full second behind the winner. Times are unofficial.

Both heats were run on very hard, crusted snow, and McKinney was thrown off balance at a turn on the lower half of the 48-gate second run when she seemed well placed to win the race.

The American girl, winner of the Slalom section of the World Cup last season, held second place behind Epple in the first heat, trailing by 0.34 seconds and with a good chance of overtaking her rival in the second heat.

She seemed well on her way to achieving this when her half way time gave her 47.40 seconds, 0.26 seconds ahead of Epple. Her fault probably cost her the race.

Ferrine Pelen of France, who was sixth in the first heat, moved up into fourth place, with an aggregate of 2:31.56, followed by Epple's sister Maria, fifth with 2:31.72, Italy's Marirosa Quario, sixth with 2:32.39 and Fabian Serrat of France seventh with 2:33.10. Liechtenstein's double Olympic champion Hanni Wenzel was unofficial eighth with 2:33.23.

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Late burst enables Suns win

NEW YORK, Dec. 4 (AP) — The Denver Nuggets are the classic example of a team that lives by offense and dies by defense. The Nuggets are the highest-scoring team in the National Basketball Association, averaging 120 points per game.

Thursday night, it was the defense's turn and the result was a 137-109 loss to the Phoenix Suns. Rookie Larry Nance, averaging seven points per game, scored a career-high 29 to help the Suns notch their fifth straight victory and hand Denver its sixth straight loss in Phoenix since 1979.

Tied 63-63 entering the third period, Phoenix outscored the Nuggets 24-12 to take an 87-75 lead. Then, nine points by guard Dudley Bradley and four from Nance ballooned Phoenix's lead to 22 points — 121-99 — with 3:30 remaining to seal the decision.

"They just shot the eyes out of the hoop in the second half," said Nuggets coach Doug Moe. "It was an unlucky night for us, we're a small team and we're always driving the lane but we're not getting any calls. I think we're leading the league by far in that category."

Dan Issel, who scored 24 points to lead Denver, added that "some of the calls that we were getting in the first half didn't go our way in the second half. We fell behind and then kind of quit."

In the only other NBA games Thursday night: Washington embarrassed New York 114-88 and San Diego edged Dallas 113-111.

Bullets 114, Knicks 88: Greg Ballard scored a season-high 33 points and Don Collins also posted his season high with 25 as Washington wiped out a three-game losing streak and stopped New York's winning streak at three.

The Bullets took an 11-2 lead by scoring nine straight points, including seven of John Lucas, and they were never threatened after that.

Clippers 113, Mavericks 111: Jerome Whitehead scored 16 of his career-high 20 points in the second half as San Diego handed Dallas its eighth straight loss. Phil Smith scored 24 points and Freeman Williams 20 for the Clippers, while Dallas rookie Mark Aguirre scored 36, although he missed a try for his third three-point goal with four seconds left.

Sherwood stretched

RANCHO MIRAGE, California, Dec. 4 (AP) — Tom Gorman, Rod Laver, Bob Lutz and Sherwood Stewart all won their first matches Thursday in the \$35,000 Xerox Grand Champions Tournament at Mission Hills Country Club.

Gorman defeated Marty Riessen 7-6, 6-2. Laver defeated Charlie Pasarek 6-3, 6-4. Lutz defeated Roy Emerson 6-2, 6-4, and Stewart went to three sets in defeating Dennis Ralston, 6-0, 3-6, 6-0.

The eight master players are in a four-day, round-robin tournament with a first place prize of \$6,000 and \$3,000 for the runner-up.

Netherlands scores

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, Dec. 4 (AP) — The Netherlands beat the Peshawar zone team 6-1 here Thursday and wound up a 12-day tour of Pakistan with three victories and two defeats in zonals and a loss in its one "Test" with the national team. During Thursday's play, Dutch captain Paul Litjen scored the first two goals within four minutes of each other. Other goals were scored by Ronald-Jaun Heijjn, Home Jean, Asbeck and Roderik Bouwman.



LOCKED IN: Former World heavyweight champion Joe Frazier (right) closes in to avoid a right from fellow-American Floyd 'Jumbo' Cummings in his comeback fight in Chicago Thursday. The fight ended in a draw.

Frazier fails to impress in drawn bout

CHICAGO, Illinois, Dec. 4 (AP) — Joe Frazier, his age and a roll around his middle showing, returned to the ring Thursday night and battled to a 10-round draw with Floyd "Jumbo" Cummings.

Referee Nate Morgan scored it 46-45 for the 30-year-old Cummings, who turned pro in 1979 after serving 12 years in prison. But judge Harold Harshutz scored it 47-47 and judge Collins Brown saw it 46-46, making the decision a draw.

There were no knockdowns, but Frazier almost was staggered in the third round and nearly hit the deck in the eighth. "Smoking Joe," the former heavyweight champion who will be 38 January 12, landed his famed left hook on several occasions, but more often he missed.

Earlier in the day, Frazier had told 39-year-old Muhammad Ali, who had called him from the Bahamas, where he will fight Dec. 11, that "I'm not old." He might not be an old man, but he was an old fighter on this night before a crowd of about 6,500 that cheered him on at the International Amphitheatre.

Frazier, who weighed 229 (103 kg) — 5 1/4 pounds (2.4 kg) more than Cummings was the harder, bitter, but Cummings landed many more punches and was more effective to the body. In the third round, Cummings sent Frazier back on his heels with a one-two to the jaw.

Early in the fourth, Frazier turned away from Cummings, who was bent over from a low blow. After a few seconds hesitation, referee Morgan motioned for action to resume. "He can't fight, this old guy," 188-pounders shouted as Jumbo forced Frazier back with several head and body shots.

Tallberg to represent athletes

SARAJEVO, Yugoslavia, Dec. 4, (R) — An athletes' representative will in future sit on the most important commission of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), officials said Thursday.

They said the IOC executive board meeting here had decided to include the representative on a new "Commission for the Olympic movement."

This new body will be an expanded version of the old tripartite commission, which brought together the IOC, the International Sports Federations and the National Olympic Committees.

In the fifth round, Frazier brought the crowd to its feet when he landed a big left hook to Cummings' head. Cummings mugged, but then Frazier landed two more books and a good right to the jaw that hurt Cummings.

In the eighth round it looked as though the fight might end in a defeat for Frazier, whose previous bout was a five-round knockout loss to George Foreman June 15, 1976. With Frazier along the ropes, Cummings landed a right to the jaw and followed with several head shots. Frazier's knees bent and he appeared about to fall, but was able to grab Cummings.

Cummings then forced Frazier into a corner with several more head blows, but Joe was able to weather the storm. Before the fight Frazier had said off his comeback, "I don't mind starting all over again. That's what life is all about, starting again."

Frazier, who made several million dollars in his fights with Ali, got only \$85,000 for his comeback, which received no television exposure. Cummings got \$10,000 for the most important fight of his career.

Meanwhile, some of the world's top boxers warned former world heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier that their planned comeback fights are a mistake.

World Boxing Association middleweight title-holder Marvin Hagler and WBA bantamweight champion Jeff Chandler were among those who said Frazier, 37, and Ali 39, should hang up their gloves.

Speaking at the presentation of awards by a specialist magazine, they said the veterans would do better to use their experience for

the benefit of young boxers.

World Boxing Council lightweight titleholder Alexis Arguello said Ali and Frazier were being pushed into the ring and were not making their return for money or pride. Chandler's views was that their bodies could still take punches but could no longer throw them.

Chris enters last four Austin, Evonne bow out

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 4 (Agencies) — American Pam Shriver came up with the big upset of the Toyota Australian Open Women's Tennis Championships here Friday when she knocked out U.S. champion and No. 2 seed American Tracy Austin in the quarterfinals. Shriver, 19, won 7-5, 7-6. She will face third-seeded, American Martina Navratilova in Saturday's semifinal.

The turf surface here was a winning factor for Shriver, who beat Austin earlier this year on Wimbledon's grass. She used an accurate three-quarters paced service to put in about 72 percent of her first serves. Austin made many unforced errors and her second service in the swirling, windy conditions was ineffective.

Shriver was superb at the net and knocked back some powerful volleys which had Austin scrambling and on the defensive. Austin tried to lob but the combination of Shriver's height (5 ft 11 inches) and the wind frustrated that strategy.

Australia's Wendy Turnbull is the lone competitor who stands between an all-American final Sunday. Turnbull, 29 and seeded seventh, caused another mild shock when she advanced past third-seeded American Andrea Jaeger in another quarterfinal Friday.

A finalist here last year, she beat Jaeger 6-3, 7-6, in a repeat of last week's New South Wales Open quarterfinal which Turnbull also won. She used a chip and charge game and proved that on grass, the 16-year old American still has a lot to learn.

"I'm glad that's over — I'm glad that last ball hit the net and fell back on her side," the Australian said. Jaeger saved three match points as Turnbull fought desperately to prevent the match from going to three sets. Turnbull said Jaeger would have had the

advantage in a third set.

"I felt that because I had my chances in the second set it would have been a letdown, and she would have got a little more confidence. It's a matter of momentum," Turnbull said.

Jaeger, who felt she did not have enough preparation for the Australian grasscourt tournaments, was intent on remaining at the baseline, allowing Turnbull to race to the net and volley for winners.

"When playing on grass a lot has to do with experience, and I need to learn when to serve wide, because then the ball skids, and I also have to learn to come in a lot more," Jaeger said.

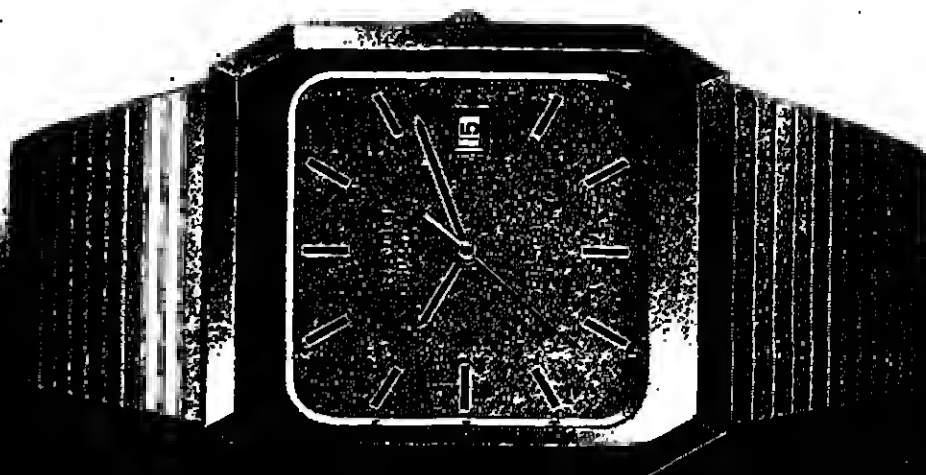
Top-seeded American Chris Evert Lloyd played inconsistently but still good enough to beat defending champion Czech Hana Mandlikova 6-4, 7-5 to move into the semifinals. Mandlikova was tentative as Evert Lloyd used the lob shot to advantage. The Czech showed flashes of brilliance in the second set but it was too late.

"It is impossible to keep such a high standard in every match, and Friday was just one of those days," Evert Lloyd said. "I played so well last week, but I will be sharper Saturday."

Navratilova simply muscled the former three-time Australian champion, Evonne Cawley, off the court in another quarterfinal match. Navratilova, the third seed, cruised to a 6-4, 6-1 win over Cawley. The Czech refugee's swinging left hand services and aggressive volleys were just too much for Cawley, a mother of two and attempting to play her way back into championship form.

This is only the third tournament of the year for Cawley. She said she would play the French and Italian Championships next year as a lead-up to another crack at winning her third Wimbledon championship.

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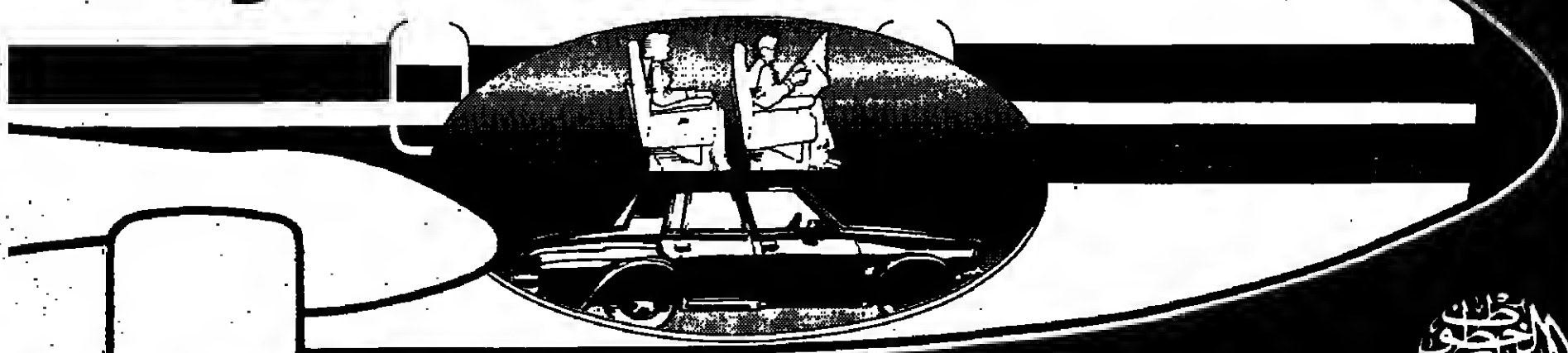
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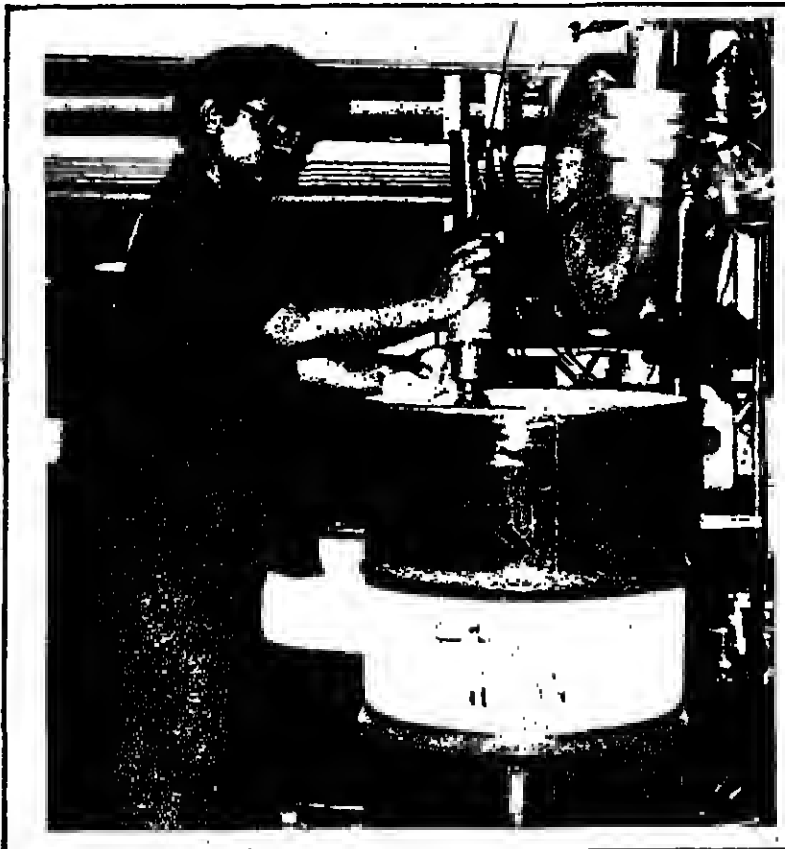
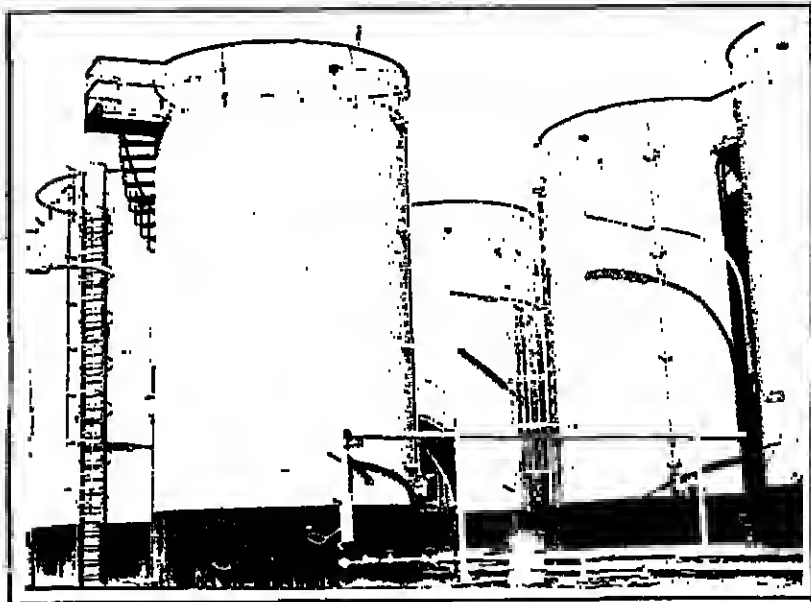
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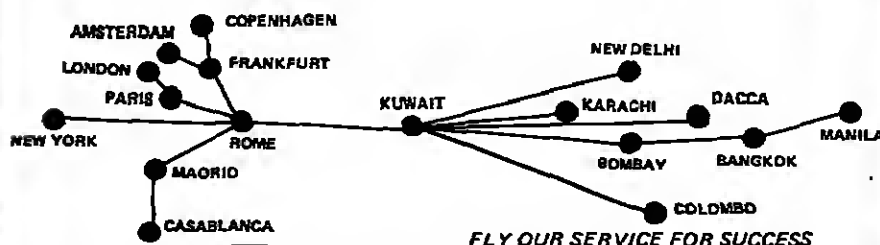
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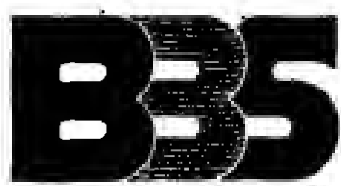
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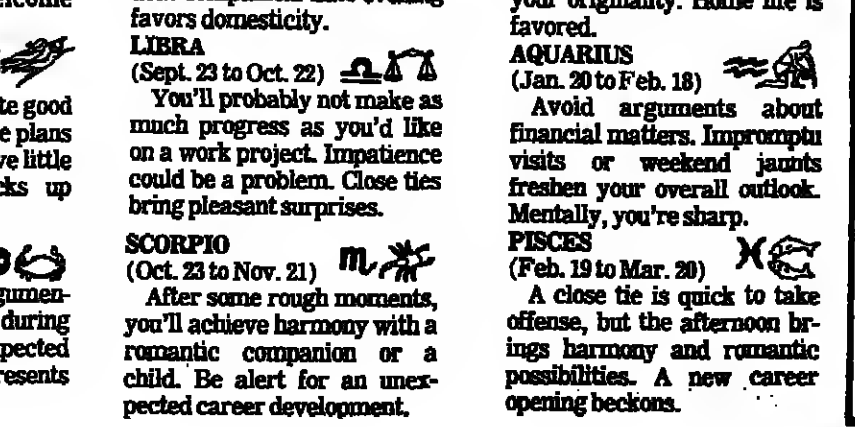
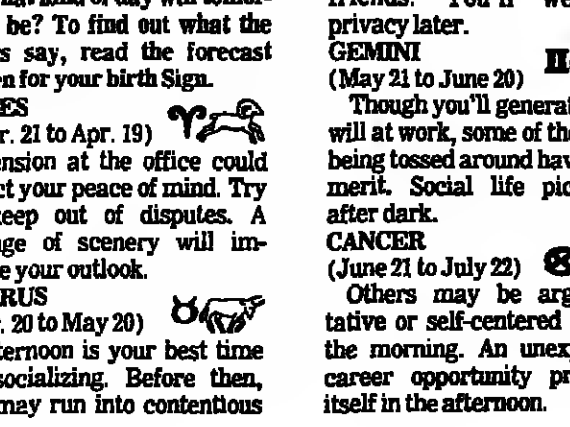
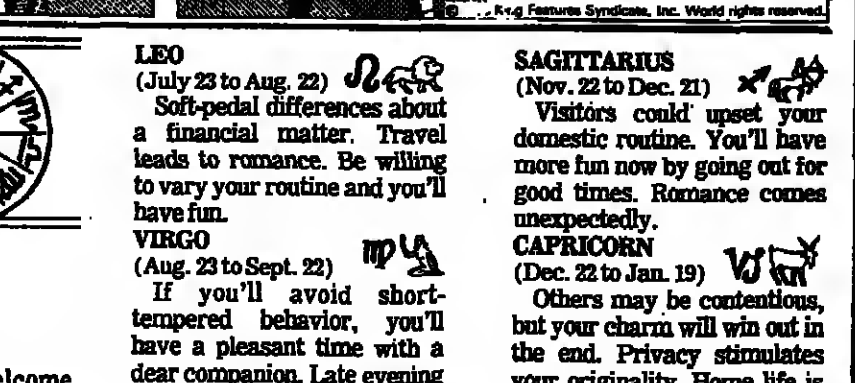
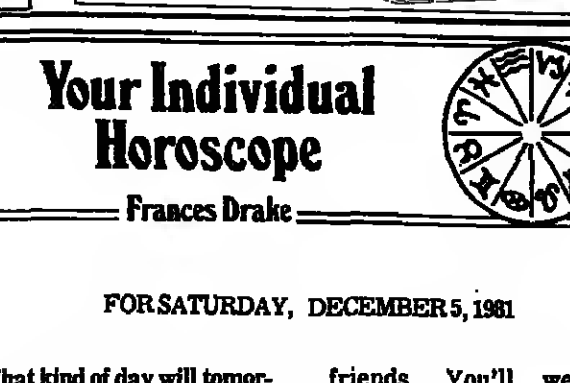
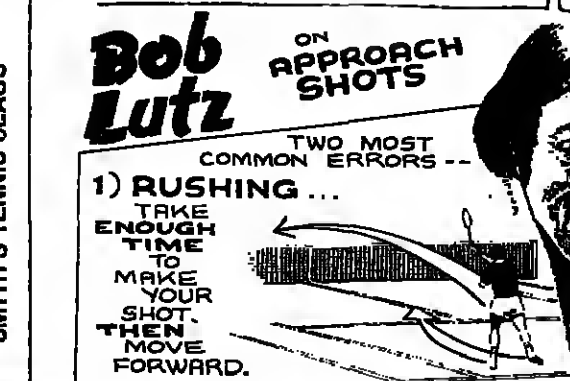
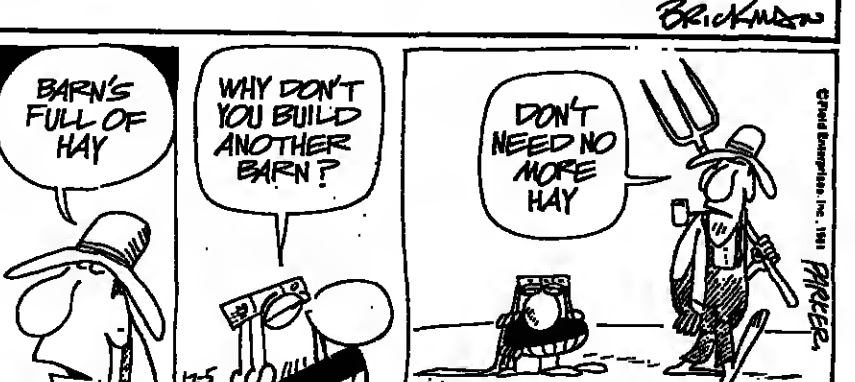
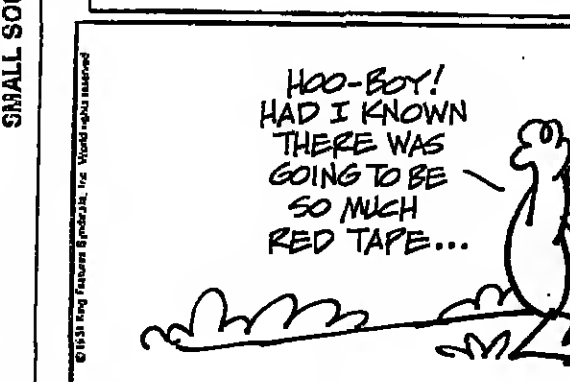
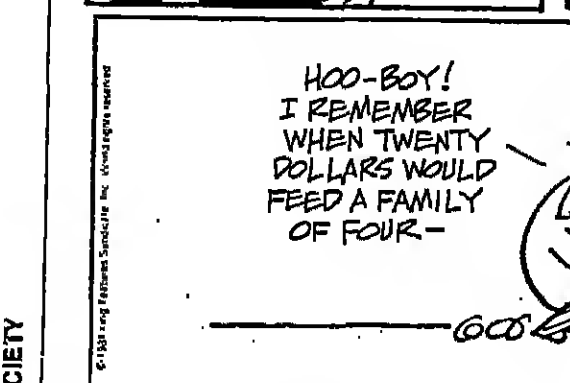
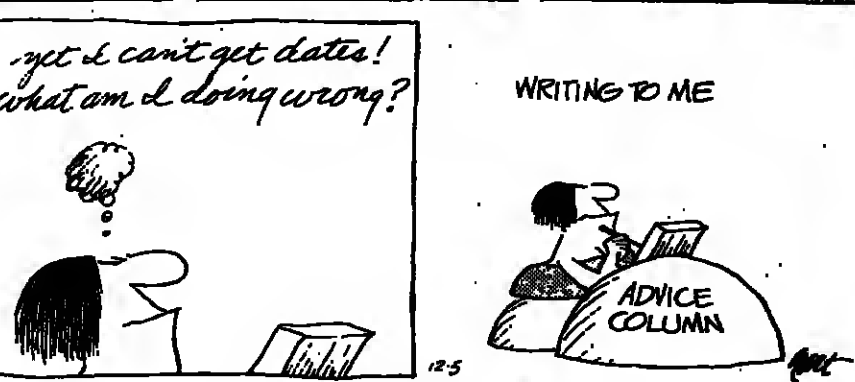
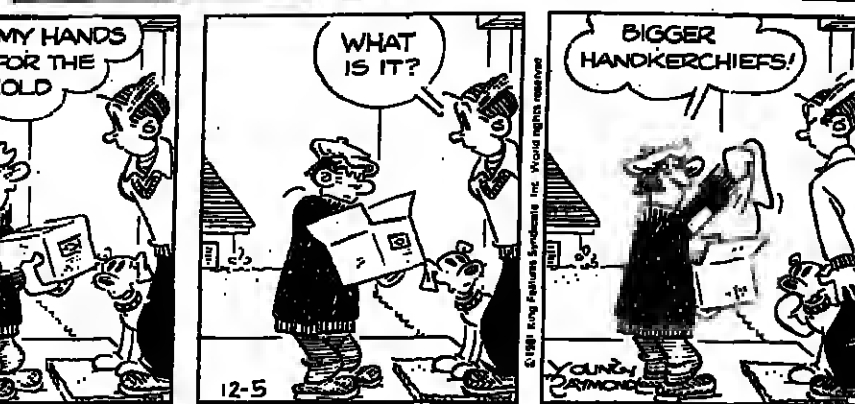
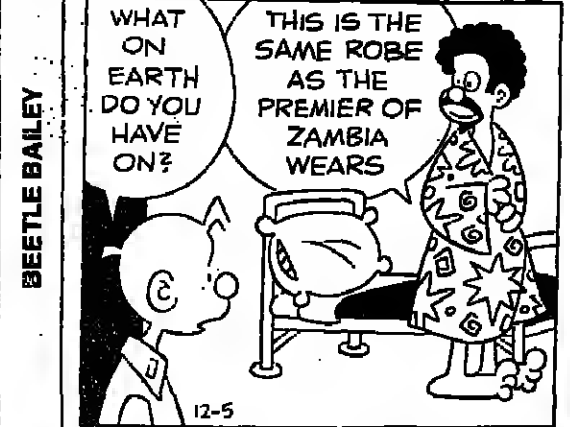
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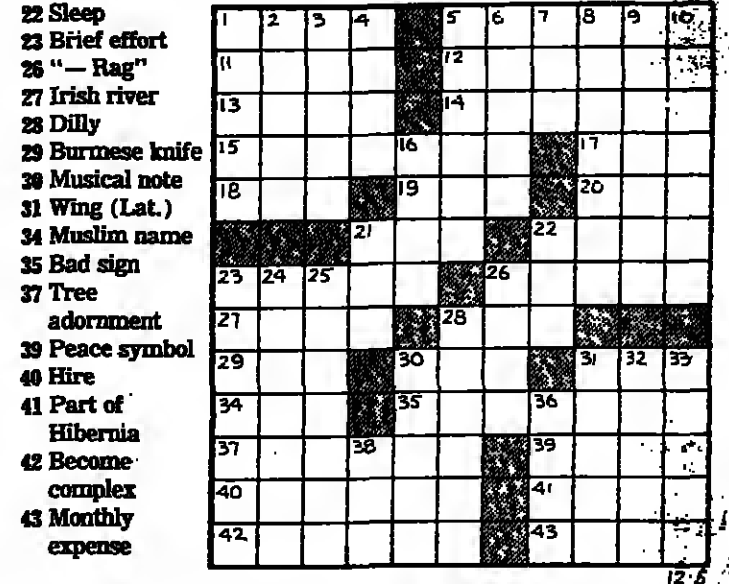
Table listing BBC and VOA radio programs.

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Table listing Radio Pakistan programs and contact information.

Crossword by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS: 1 Pulsate, 5 Motionless, 11 Auk genus, 12 Mexican party item, 13 Function, 14 After Lone or Texas, 15 In the - (al fresco), 17 I love (Lat.), 18 French marshal, 19 Grassland, 20 "Diamond -", 21 Norse goddess, 22 Sleep, 23 Brief effort, 28 " - Rag", 27 Irish river, 29 Dilly, 29 Burmese knife, 30 Musical note, 31 Wing (Lat.), 34 Muslim name, 35 Bad sign, 37 Tree adornment, 39 Peace symbol, 40 Hire, 41 Part of Hibernia, 42 Become complex, 43 Monthly expense.



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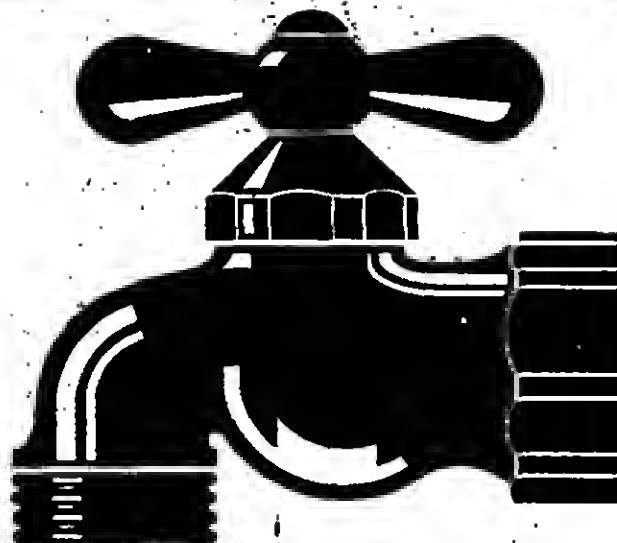
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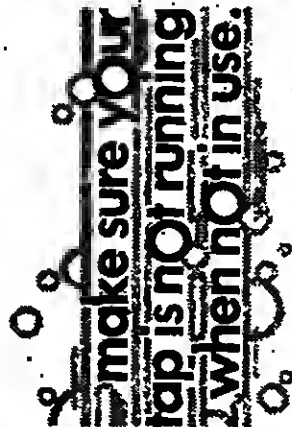
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Geneva meeting resumes Soviets vow to make arms talks fruitful

GENEVA, Dec. 4 (R) — The Soviet Union pledged Friday to do all in its power to make a success of negotiations with the United States on limiting nuclear missiles in Europe.

In a statement issued shortly before the second, the Soviet delegation said it had received numerous messages urging the two sides to reach agreement in the interests of peace and European civilization.

The Soviet delegation promised to "do everything that depends on it to achieve positive results." Soviet sources said the messages came "both from organizations and individuals" but they did not identify them. Neither side have any indication of what happened at Friday's talks at the Villa Rosa, a former banker's residence now part of the closely

guarded Soviet mission.

A U.S. statement said simply that the talks lasted two hours and 25 minutes. Spokesmen said they could add nothing to this and Soviet officials were not available to comment.

U.S. chief negotiator Paul H. Nitze and his Soviet counterpart Yuli Kvitsinsky agreed earlier this week to impose a news blackout on the talks. Nitze said he would not "engage in a debate via the media."

Western sources said they believed the negotiations, which are taking place against a background of public concern in Western Europe at the prospect of more missiles being placed there, had got off to a satisfactory start. There were indications that both sides were pleased with the progress of Tuesday's first plenary session.

A senior diplomat from a NATO country said: "The very fact these negotiations are taking place reflects solidarity and solid preparations within the alliance." He said President Ronald Reagan's offer not to deploy 572 new Pershing-2 and Cruise missiles in Europe if the Soviets dismantled their own medium-range missiles already in place was "no propaganda play."

The Americans were aware that the issue of nuclear missiles in Europe was "of burning public interest" in West European countries, he said.

The Indian deputy director of Geneva University's Strategic Studies Department, Dr. Onkar Marwah, told a news conference the Soviet Union — which has rejected Reagan's offer — would gain by agreeing to it.

Marwah said Soviet missiles would still be able to reach Western Europe even if withdrawn behind the Ural Mountains, and in return Moscow would gain a commitment from the United States not to place Pershing and Cruise missiles in Europe.

But he thought the Geneva negotiators faced a very tight schedule if they were to complete the talks before the scheduled date for deploying the American missiles toward the end of 1983.

From now on, the talks are planned to alternate twice a week between the U.S. and Soviet missions, with the next round being held at the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency near Lake Geneva next Tuesday.

In Moscow, Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev met Friday with Warsaw Pact defense ministers, the Soviet news agency Tass reported.

The Tass dispatch did not say what was discussed at the meeting or how long it lasted. But the article described the conversation as "warm" and said Brezhnev had "expressed satisfaction" with the ministers' work.

Waldheim open to draft

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 4 (AP) — Kurt Waldheim dropped out of the deadlocked balloting for secretary-general Thursday but a U.N. official said the Austrian incumbent remained open to a draft.

Waldheim's Third World challenger, Tanzanian Foreign Minister Salim Ahmad Salim, reaffirmed, however, that "I am still a candidate."

A U.N. official close to Waldheim said the secretary-general would be ready to consider any "reasonable offer" from the U.N. Security Council to remain in office for an extended term.

Ugandan Ambassador Olara Otunnu, Security Council president for December, said he had asked both Waldheim and Salim, "to step aside so we can consider other candidates and Waldheim complied."

The question of withdrawing Salim's name from the balloting was discussed at a meeting of the group of African U.N. member states and, afterward, Oumarou Youssoufou, U.N. observer of the 51-nation Organization of African Unity, announced, "Mr. Salim is our candidate."

"There's no question of withdrawal," Algerian Ambassador Muhammad Bedjaoui told a reporter.

Salim, who attended the meeting, was less emphatic when pressed to say whether, while remaining a candidate, he might temporarily remove himself from the balloting as Waldheim has decided to do. "That question, for the time being, seems to be premature," he replied.

While the African group decided unanimously that "my candidacy should continue," he said the group also agreed to continue consultations that would decide "what my future course of action will be."

Otunnu said he would await formal notification from Salim before deciding what to do next. The council already has held 16 inconclusive rounds of balloting and Otunnu seems determined to hammer out an agreement behind the scenes before resuming the two-step election process.

Otunnu said he wanted to consult privately with council members to see if any of the prospective compromise candidates



(Wirephoto) **LOST IN THOUGHT:** U.N. Secretary-General Waldheim seems to be lost in thoughts Thursday after he withdrew his candidacy for a third term of office.

stood a chance of escaping a veto and obtaining the necessary nine votes.

While he hoped the Security Council could make its choice before Dec. 15 Otunnu indicated that the process could drag out until the final deadline of Dec. 31.

"We must have a secretary-general by the first of January," he remarked.

U.S. Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick said she had been "slightly surprised by Waldheim's decision, which she said "creates a new situation."

U.K. agent recalls Seychelles plot

LONDON, Dec. 4 (Agencies) — A London "businessman, implicated in last week's botched coup attempt in the Seychelles, has said that he recruited 12 British mercenaries for the operation. In an interview published Friday by *The Daily Telegraph*, Rocco Salvatore, a former member of Britain's elite Special Air Service, said he had 100 other ex-SAS or ex-soldiers available for the mission.

Salvatore said he cut his links with the project when the coup plan he and two others drew up was rejected. He did not indicate who was in charge.

Salvatore said he "had received a phone call from an old and well-known contact" and visited South Africa three times in the past six months in connection with the operation. He said that he had no dealings with any member of the South African government during this period.

"Our plan was for the mercenaries to go in as tourists over a period of three weeks," he said. "In that way we could have got 150 of them in without arousing suspicion."

"Because of the strong military presence at the airport we would have created a diversion up in the hills to draw off the troops," he continued. "We could have got weapons in without the mercenaries carrying them on the aircraft."

In Pretoria, one of the 44 mercenaries who took part in the coup attempt has claimed that the group intended to take control of the islands in less than half an hour. *Die Oorlog*

(the morning journal) reported Friday.

The unidentified mercenary also claimed that hundreds of Seychelles troops were killed in the attempted coup. "If everything had gone according to plans, the islands would have been taken over in 20 minutes," the mercenary was quoted as saying.

He said the intended coup was aimed at "an attack on communism." "We were also interested in adventure and the holidays in the Seychelles promised us if we succeeded," said the mercenary, one of the 39 who has been released by a court here.

The mercenaries fought "very bravely" during the gun battle that broke out at Mahe airport when a customs official discovered a gun in the luggage of one of the soldiers of fortune, disguised as a rugby team, he said.

Prime Minister P.W. Botha said Thursday night that South Africa was considering legislation to ban members of its armed services from serving as mercenaries. He said that legislation was being considered to "prohibit the recruitment of any serving member of the South African defense force for mercenary purposes in the future."

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we die."

Under Japan's lifetime employment system, most workers stay with the same company throughout their working life. In exchange, the company provides training, job security, housing and other benefits and increased salaries for every year of service.

Maeda said that although many younger employees would prefer to put off decisions about a final resting place, most are appreciative and many are interested in the idea.

Another selling point is that the vaults in the tomb — almost all Japanese are cremated with their ashes and a few bones retained — are provided free. The average price for a tiny family vault in Kyoto, a city of one million, runs about \$9,000, Maeda said.

The corporate grave idea originated with company president Kazuo Inamori, 49, a highly regarded business leader who began with eight workers in 1959 and now employs more than 5,000. Kyoto Ceramic, which makes parts for integrated circuits, artificial gems and other industrial products, is one of the highest rated stocks on the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

Maeda said Inamori has promised that his remains, too, will be there to oversee that company climb to heaven.

Polish union sets terms to join front

WARSAW, Dec. 4 (R) — The Solidarity free trade union demanded major political concessions Friday as a condition for joining the ruling Communists in a national front and warned it would bring the nation out on strike if the authorities declared a state of emergency.

The union demands, published after a meeting of regional chiefs, came in response to a government crackdown which brought troops and riot police into action in Warsaw Wednesday to break a strike by cadet firemen. The demands are subject to adoption by the union's national commission which meets in Gdansk next week but they spelt out for the first time Solidarity's official position on joining the Communist-sponsored national front.

The union accused the Communists of promoting a facade and called for free local elections, access to the mass media, a Solidarity version of a trade union law, a halt to reprisals against union activists, fully fledged economic reform and union control over food and the economy as minimum conditions for national accord.

The Communist establishment has opposed most of the demands on the grounds that they are unacceptable politically.

The Solidarity statement, published in the union's Warsaw news bulletin *Wiadomosci Dnia*, said:

"Regardless of whether the law on extraordinary measures would empower the government to court-martial civilians, ban assemblies, curb travel or only prohibit the right to strike, it could be introduced only through 'terror'. This would amount to an attempt at incapacitating society by force."

It said the union would reply with a 24-hour national strike if the Sejm (parliament) armed the government with emergency powers and would launch an immediate all-out general strike if the authorities attempted to enforce them. The union leaders also said they would never allow Solidarity to serve as a smoke-screen for the government's failures in any make-believe body like the existing National Unity Front.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazen

More on the theme of consolation; or looking at their leaders the better to like ours.

In yesterday's column we reached as far as Jimmy Carter's presidency — that period of inanity tempered by inconsequence in running the affairs of state. There is perhaps no better story to illustrate the spirit of those times than the celebrated incident involving the derailed attorney general.

It is told that during the reign of that good and considerate man Carter, the attorney general of Pennsylvania received urgent summons to Washington. Drop everything and come. Highest priority. By presidential order.

The man of course immediately complied. He rushed to the airport, only to be told that Washington was engulfed by a snowstorm so that all flights were canceled. He therefore ran to the railroad station and took a train.

Halfway through the journey the weather became really vicious and the train was derailed. But the gallant servant of the state did not mind. He found where he could get a bus to Washington, went there and waited for a few hours in the wind and snow.

He arrived at the White House half dead with fatigue and cold, and was ushered immediately to the presidential office.

"Yours to command, chief" he said. (or whatever they say when they're summoned by the most powerful man on earth.) To which Carter answered: "Ah, the attorney general, I want to fire you. I thought it best if you heard it directly from me..."

No record exists of the unfortunate lawyer's reply. And it's doubtful whether it can be printed if it did.

Translated from *Ashraf Al-Awsat*

Air collision averted

TOKYO, Dec. 4 (AFP) — A Japan Airlines (JAL) Boeing 747 jet with 388 persons on board was in near collision with a Korean Air Lines (KAL) Boeing 747 over the Pacific Ocean east of Iwate prefecture in northern Japan Thursday night, it was disclosed Friday.

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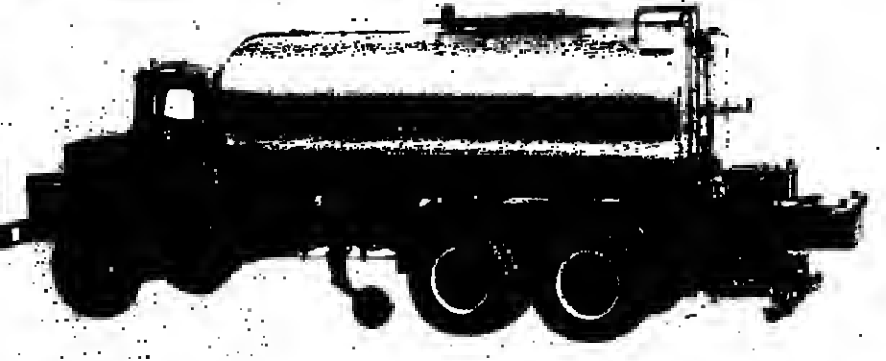
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